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THE UNIVERSITY OF OREGON

Oregon is one of the oldest western states, settlement having begun with the Lewis and Clark Expedition in 1804. Its timber-covered mountain slopes, snow-covered peaks, fertile lands, broad rivers and numerous lakes, offered unequalled attractions to settlers and it was rapidly developed—primarily by people from the eastern states. It is only of recent years that the middle-westerner has been coming in and the foreign population is very small.

This eastern population has established older institutions, more conservative habits and an atmosphere of greater stability, than is generally found west of the Rockies.

The state university was established by an act of the legislature as long ago as 1872. Its original equipment consisted of one building erected by the citizens of Lane county which accounts for the location of the university at Eugene. The courses of instruction were at first limited to literary lines but with the rapid growth and development of the state the university increased in numbers, equipment and resources. In 1883 Henry Villard gave fifty thousand dollars toward the support of the institution. Scientific, technical and engineering courses were soon established and in 1884 a Law school was added, followed by a School of medicine in 1887. These two latter were located in Portland in order to take advantage of the opportunities found in a large city.

Then there came a time when the university was almost at a standstill. It remained for over twenty years only a small college. Other institutions established at about the same time, or even later, outstripped it. The legislature could not agree as to necessary appropriations, the Agricultural college of the state was given preference and the university was severely handicapped by its inability to provide sufficient equipment.

But in the last few years it has taken a new start and has advanced to the front rank of colleges in the west. The preparatory school was abolished, a free elective system of study was adopted and in 1907 friends of the university succeeded in an attempt to obtain the referendum on this appropriation bill. Professors, alumni and students from all over the state used what influence they had and in June 1908 the people voted an annual appropriation of \$125,000. It is doubtful that the popular vote of any other state in the Union could have been carried for a bill which meant increased taxation.

As a direct result of this, the whole atmosphere of the university changed—a new life, a new spirit was everywhere in evidence. The appropriation for 1908 added forty acres to the campus; two new buildings; \$10,000 worth of books to the library; \$20,000 worth of new equipment in the laboratories, etc.; three new departments; and nine professors. The number of students increased fifty per cent and the registration for the current year is about 750 in the School of liberal arts alone as compared to barely 400 for 1907-08. The great annual increase in the population of Oregon and in the number of high schools and high school graduates, promises still greater progress during the next few years.

The university stands at the head of the public school system of the state and its curriculum is the natural completion of the courses begun in the grades and continued in the high school. There are no other schools and colleges to interfere with this natural succession such as are so numerous in the eastern states. Here the whole population stands back of its only institution of higher education, while Portland itself is now represented by over twenty-five per cent of the student body.

The university has a most fortunate location at Eugene, a prosperous town of about 11,000 inhabitants, well situated

among the hills which border the Willamette river. It is about 120 miles south of Portland on the main line of the Southern Pacific.

The campus covers some eighty acres and contains ten good buildings—two large buildings used for class-rooms and offices; a chemistry and mining building; mechanical building; U. S. Timber-testing station; library; gymnasium; men's dormitory; a smaller dormitory for women which is the beginning of "the Cottage system" the faculty hopes to install; and the president's house. There is also an athletic field. A girl's gymnasium is soon to be built.

President Campbell is a Harvard graduate and a very energetic and farseeing man. The faculty of twenty-nine professors and some twenty-four instructors offer very complete courses in the schools of literature, science and arts; engineering in all of its branches; music; education; and a graduate school.

The students are of good type; have a good reputation in athletics; support three publications; various sorts of literary societies, debating leagues, music clubs, etc; and have established a loan fund. There are three scholarships granted as rewards for unusual work and four scholarship prizes to be won.

The standing of the university is now on a footing with the best in the country and the continued development of the great north-west assures to it a most prosperous future.

JESSIE M. MACFARLAND.

THE FRATERNITY CHAPTER HOUSE

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The fraternity is a permanent part of American college life. Whether such groups, or groups of such a character or of such a degree of permanence, are necessary or desirable is a ques-

tion not worth debating. The fraternity has come to stay, and it must have some virtues and some fitness for its purpose, else it would not endure and retain the hold it has over college men and over graduates, even those who, like the writer, were initiated nearly half a century ago.

When we first knew the fraternity it had much in common with the high school fraternity of today. It was a secret organization, and its secrets were largely those of midnight escapades and the clandestine performance of things which the college faculties would not approve. To be an irresponsible daredevil commended the student to the fraternities, and membership in one of these organizations was not a guarantee of sound scholarship or of fixed character.

Later, fraternities were started with the avowed purpose of correcting this condition. It was believed that the good elements of fraternity life could be retained without the others. So with brotherly friendliness, scholarship on the one hand and some form of leadership on the other became the avowed aim of certain societies. Others tried to lay stress on gentle breeding and the manners of the gentleman. Still others, in other places, undertook to control college politics, "that pewter imitation of a pinchbeck original," as President White used to call it.

The effort for higher ideals had its reaction along the whole line in fraternity organization. While in most cases conviviality was not held in adequate check and escapades of one sort or another were not wholly unknown, yet, in a general way, with the rising standards of the colleges the fraternities became more serious and more reputable. The pins worn in secret came to the outside of the coat, and as better men joined the fraternities and were graduated the alumni influence came to have a better tone. In theory each fraternity tried to stand for something worth while, some degree of character-building or at least of rubbing off the rough angles of the men with which it dealt. In practice the fra-

ternities were not always so fortunate. The close association tended to align the group to the characters of its noisiest and least industrious members. But on the whole the tendencies were upward, especially so in those institutions which insisted on standards of scholarship.

The third stage in fraternity life came with the advent of the chapter house. This brought new problems of its own. The men were not only to stand together, but they were to live together, which is quite a different thing. One of the first effects was to raise the standards of the weakest scholars. The fraternity could not afford, for financial reasons, to have many men who would fail and be forced to leave college. Many fraternities have faced bankruptcy as a necessary condition of poor scholarship. When college faculties are alert the necessity of holding their own is forced on the fraternities. One result of this is the fraternity "seminär" where the more competent try to instruct the others, or at least to give them pointers to get over the examinations.

But in a general way the average standard of scholarship was not raised by the chapter house. It was especially true that the extremes good and bad were aligned with the average, and the fraternities which stood for scholarship and leadership were insensibly forced to be more like the others. For in the organization of a chapter house a man who is to live there for four years is preferable to a "transient." Hence freshmen are chosen in preference to upperclassmen. But few freshmen can show definite capacity for scholarship or for personal influence. Fraternities which at first chose no one until his influence was a fact accomplished had to follow the example of the others. It is held that the stamp of the fraternity can be more surely placed on a freshman than on a junior. This is true, and it is another way of saying that it is easier for a lot of fellows, all of a kind, to get along together than it is to find place for a genius, for a man of fixed principles, or for a man of independent character. Yet when men live in a house together the likelihood of fitting in is a matter which must be considered. Those who will not fit in are likely to be blackmailed and men of definite views of life and work now very often stay outside in preference to joining any fraternity. In a large college as many good men, judging by any standard, are outside of fraternities as in.

The next element to be considered is that of ability to meet fraternity expenses. In most fraternities many of the best men are not rich, but a man must have money to do his share, for his fellows can not undertake to support him. A man dependent on his own work, as is the case with thousands of our best college men, especially in the west, can not well live in a chapter house. There are occasional exceptions to this, as with men who earn money in some specialized way, but as a rule fraternity life is more expensive than other forms of college residence. Add to this the tendency to think a man desirable because he is well-dressed, has good manners, or comes from "a good family," and we have the main elements in the chapter house problem of today.

A canvass of the scholarship records in certain institutions gives this as a general statement: The scholarship of fraternity men as a whole, resident in chapter houses, is below that of the average scholarship of men in the universities. In a few fraternities it is higher on the average, at least for most of the time, and in general the standing in scholarship is in inverse ratio to the reputation of the chapter house for conviviality or for expenditures in social ways. The general tendency, as luminously set forth by Professor McDermott (Delta Upsilon Quarterly, March, 1909), is that "scholarship is declining and social life rising in the fraternities." It is also true, as Professor McDermott states, that this change is going on much more rapidly in the west than in the east. This latter fact is however a reflex of the fact that the decline began first in the east and is showing itself in the west as

wealth increases, and with the exaggerated impulse given to athletics.

Using mention in college publications as an index, Professor McDermott finds that in the eighties college interests stood in this order:

Scholarship
Oratory and debate
Literary distinction
Athletic honors
Social distinction.

Now the order, as shown statistically, is quite different:

Social distinction,	308
Athletic honors,	289
Literary distinction,	153
Scholarship,	124
Oratory and debate,	77

In the west athletic honors now doubtless outrun social distinctions. Scholarship is more highly thought of than would appear statistically, but being an every-day thing, without spurts, it is taken for granted. Students in engineering subjects and in those professional schools which rest on college education have always taken themselves and their studies seriously. Indeed this fierce determination to master the studies for the subsequent mastery of the outside work is sometimes spoken of by college men as the "baneful influence" of practical courses or "bread-and-butter studies." Of course, the "smart fraternity man" takes none of these things seriously, and one of the unanswered questions of college management is why in an institution devoted to higher education a man who wants none of it is allowed to stay.

The ideals of a chapter house at its best are thus set forth by a college man, as quoted by Professor McDermott:

"The object of the fraternity, as I see it, is to take the place of the family and home life. The students have, upon entering college, come out from under the guiding influence of the parents or the paternal preparatory school. This lack of restraint and new-found liberty is likely to become license, and in the case of the weaker individuals to lead to ruin. It is at this point that the fraternity steps in. The influence of the fraternity can not be good unless its atmosphere is wholesome. Its atmosphere can not be wholesome unless the seniors are earnest, carefully trained men, with a keen sense of duty, who will dominate and sway the policy of the chapter. A prominent professor here told me that a word from a senior had a more salutary effect upon a freshman of the same fraternity than any amount of talk from one of the faculty, in a case where the freshman was 'down' in his work.

I should say, therefore, that the greatest need of the presentday fraternity is a more careful organization of the chapter and the system, so that the senior will be fitted to dominate the chapter and so that he will do so."

In a chapter house as thus managed there is no continuous problem. Its scholarship will not fall below the average of that of the student body. It will not pick men of inferior energy or ability, nor will it surround men above the average with a weakening atmosphere. In other words, it will through its upperclassmen stand, in loco parentis, to the lowerclassmen, taking up those duties so insistent on the formation of character which have, of necessity, slipped out of the hands of the faculty in the growth and overgrowth of our colleges into universities.

But for every chapter house which recognizes these ideals we may find another in which sportiness predominates and which stands in no intellectual or moral plane.* Between these

^{* &}quot;One other thought I should like to leave with you. I believe there is too much false modesty among the fraternities. Why should we stand on etiquette if we know positively that a certain chapter of a certain fraternity is corrupt, that it is inculcating vice and bringing reproach on our whole institution? Why should we not call it by name, publish it in all our magazines and create such a hubbub that the national organization of that fraternity will take notice and be forced or shamed into remedying the evils? The good chapters and the bad chapters have occasioned the different estimates of the benefits and dangers of the chapter house. * * * * We need publicity."—(Carlton H. Hayes)

two are all intermediate grades—those which are mostly good and those which are partly bad; those which stand for good manners, skill in "college activities," with waste of time in idleness, down through phases of conviviality to the bottom, and upward through phases of manliness to the top. In all of them the desire for personal harmony and good college form outweighs the desire to secure leaders of men or creators in the field of human knowledge. This latter change in the best fraternities is due directly to the exigencies of life in the chapter house. Some day a new fraternity without dues or chapter house will arise to unite the men who can think for themselves and can act without a crowd behind them.

But perhaps such men serve their purpose better as free lances. One of the peculiar traits in the American college of to-day is that a boy is never left alone—never does any thinking or studying by himself, unless he is a boy of very abnormal type. The result is a whirl of democracy and a power of team work altogether excellent. The same spirit prevails in a host of young men, and for the most of them it is a movement upwards; but its usefulness has its limits, and the power to stand alone, to work out the problems of the books or of life by individual initiative is imperilled. So also is the power to size up men and situations for what they are worth. "To know a good man when you see him," which William James declares to be one of the ends of college training, is no part of the equipment of the average college graduate.

Among the criticisms of the college fraternity are those of snobbishness, extravagance and lack of democratic spirit. In so far as these charges are well founded they apply to the men, not to the fraternity. At its best the chapter house is no more afflicted with these evils than is any other club to which snobbish men may belong. The "palaces for the tender rich," as Charles Eliot Norton called them at Harvard, are not chapter houses, nor is the man of over-weening self-conceit or class-conceit considered a good fraternity man. . . .

Without further enumeration of defects and difficulties we may consider possible remedies for these conditions. These are thus concisely stated by a correspondent of Professor McDermott:

"Higher ideals of what constitutes manliness; a higher regard of the value of time; a rigid scholarship committee in the university which will not hesitate to send home all who do not do a man's work."

As to the agencies by which these ends may be met we may mention the following:

Upperclassmen in the fraternity. On these fall the immediate responsibility for the condition of the chapter house. Let them above all choose men of moral and intellectual promise, not freshmen alone but some men with characters formed and, if needs be, formed in a different school. Then let them by practice and precept hold the underclassmen up to their work, discouraging the petty and the greater vices. If they know what they want and persist in it they will find lowerclassmen plastic in their hands.

Here a word may be said for the house-mother. Every fraternity is better and more manly for the presence of a good woman, preferably the mother or sister of one of the leading men. Fraternities which have tried this experiment have found this uniformly true; and as a rule some falling off in manners and in morals has followed when the house-mother has been abandoned. But house-mothers of adequate character, ability and tact can not be found every day, and the average young man is opposed to the experiment.

The influence of the alumni may count for a good deal in fraternity matters, but to accomplish much requires tact and patience, and the self-sufficient leaders of the day are impatient of the criticism of the "has-beens." This is none the less true if the critic has a seat in the university faculty. . . .

There should be much accomplished by the fraternity at large. The ideals of the group are in all cases elevated ideals.

The fraternity officers are men beyond reproach. They should be able with a word to change the tone of a chapter house which is going wrong. But the fact is that they do not often do this. For one reason or another the central fraternity is not in evidence when the local chapter house needs correcting. The plan of employing a salaried secretary to unify and vitalize the various local chapters of the fraternity seems to me a very promising one. Such a secretary would find missionary work at hand, especially in certain chapter houses located in cities.

The last agency to be considered is that of the university faculty. These men have usually kept their hands off from fraternity matters. They have usually regarded a fraternity as something sacred—or perchance as something loaded. Yet in the present state of university development in America the final responsibility in every institution rests with the teachers. So long as boys are enrolled as students, so long must methods adapted to boys be employed to control them. Freshmen and sophomores are not "college men." The indifference to student behavior once general in continental universities can not exist in America where the standard of admission to university rank is two years lower. We can not shirk responsibility even if we would and there is a rising demand for college professors who will not shirk responsibility.

The students in the chapter house are as directly responsible for their behavior as other students are. . . In like manner, a chapter house whose inmates turn out continuously poor work should not be allowed to receive freshmen. A little evidence of alertness and interest on the part of the professors will work wonders in any fraternity house. To publish the standing of each fraternity would sometimes give to students and parents a clearer notion of its ideals. Above all a sympathetic tone on the part of the faculty toward all good things, with a stern attitude toward all that leads downward, will effect definite results often in a short time. At any rate it is the only remedy within reach of the college faculty, and at bottom

the problem is theirs, and theirs alone; for with no one else lies the responsibility, the knowledge of the problem and the power to act.

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SCHOLARSHIP HONORS RECEIVED BY MEMBERS OF KAPPA ALPHA THETA IN COLLEGE YEAR, 1908-09

While Kappa Alpha Theta stands for a high standard of scholarship, she recognizes that it is only one element in the development of the ideal college woman. We are proud to publish the following list of scholarship honors for the past college year, meantime mindful that many of our finest, most cultured members fail to attain these formal recognitions of scholarship.

Alpha: Ruth Baker '04, a fellowship in German at Northwestern.

Beta: Ruth Keltner '09, a scholarship in English at Wellesley.

Hilda Palmer '09, a scholarship in Latin at Wellesley.

Mame Swindler '05, a European fellowship in Greek from Bryn Mawr.

Eta: Mabel Mason '09, elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

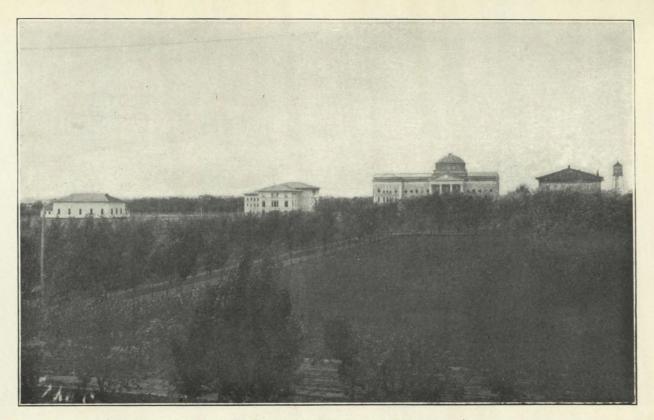
Esther Harmon '06, a European fellowship from Bryn Mawr.

Phi Beta Kappa election also for the following alumnae members: Janet Goudie, Charlotte Walker, Esther Harmon, Harriet Harrington Maynard, Margaret Stockbridge.

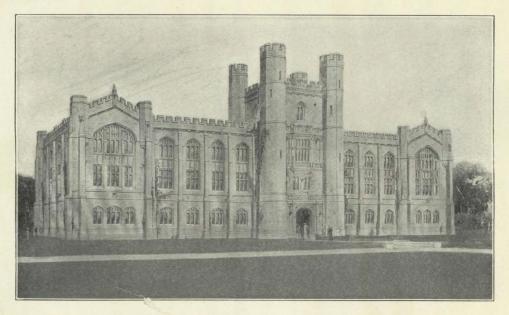
Iota: Queenie Horton '09, elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

Mary Waite '05, A.M. '09, elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

Mu: Helen White, scholarship in geology at Bryn Mawr.



UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA—CAMPUS



University of Oklahoma—New Administration Hall

Lambda: Louise Redmond '11, Julia H. Spear prize in reading.

Rho: Emma Swezey '09, fellowship in French at Nebraska state university.

Alice Batty '09, elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

Tau: Marion Keyes, Abby Tallmadge, Frances Pearl Greenough all '09, elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

Agnes Becker '09, fellowship in history at Northwestern.

Phi: Elizabeth Russell '09, elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

Chi: Eloise Andrews '09, elected to Phi Beta Kappa and graduated magna cum laude.

Lois Frazee '09, graduated cum laude.

Psi: Helen Hutchison '10, elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

Lucretia Whitehead '04, fellowship in school of philanthrophy, Washington university.

Omega: Dorothy Hart '10, elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

Alpha Beta: Mary Janney '06, Joshua Lippincott fellowship for foreign study.

Alpha Epsilon: Caroline Morton '10, elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

Frances Foster '09, scholarship in English at Bryn Mawr. Alpha Zeta: Una Merrilees Bernard '09, elected to Phi

Beta Kappa.

Alpha Theta: Grace Nash, fellowship at Washington university, St. Louis.

Alpha Iota: Mildred Spargo '09, fellowship in chemistry at Western college, Oxford, Ohio.

THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

When Mrs. Norton visited the petitioning group at the University of Oklahoma her first remark concerned the preponderance of one story houses in Norman. The trembling would-

be Theta's who had met her at the station saw their hopes go a-glimmering, until the sting of this remark was soothed by the next: "What magnificent distances you have here!"

Magnificent distances and little else. Not a hill in any direction, a perfectly level town-site with the even horizon miles and miles away. What trees there are show that they have been set out not so very long ago; but even at that the town is known in Oklahoma for its pretty trees. And if you drive out to the south end of it you will find that the horizon is broken, by a group of grey brick buildings more than one story high which will be pointed out to you as the university. Upon a closer view you will find that in addition to the Library, Science Hall and Gymnasium you saw first, there are numerous low frame buildings—two very sizable ones—doing service until the new Administration and Engineering buildings are completed. These are now well under way, their grey cement walls growing daily a bit higher.

The university is only eighteen years old, dating from the passage of the bill providing for it in Oklahoma's first legislature. That last phrase is significant, it shows first that the state itself is in no way older than its university, and second that the early settlers felt that their first need was for an "institution of higher learning." Dr. David R. Boyd was chosen as its first president. He gathered about him three other teachers, found a handful of students—about forty in number—and began work. Today there are five permanent buildings, counting the two under construction, a faculty of sixty-five and a student body of seven hundred.

The only sensational events the college has experienced have been two fires, both causing serious loss. The first university building burned in January 1903, and Main Hall, which was then hardly ready for occupancy, was destroyed in the same manner after only a few years of service, in December 1907. Before the new Administration Hall was begun the Board of regents set about very deliberately to have laid out an archi-

tectural plan for all the future building of the university. The work was turned over to Messrs. Shepley, Routan and Coolidge, who submitted alternative plans, one in the classic and the other in the Gothic style. It was a matter of no little gratification to all who were interested in the choice, that the decision was for the Gothic. The Board is now working upon what they call the ten-year plan, which is that the large architectural scheme they have adopted be filled out at the rate of one building a year for the next ten years. They believe that by providing for this amount and manner of building they will not only speedily relieve the present cramped condition of the college, but do away with any possibility of such a thing in the time to come, and also meet adequately all the demands of our future growth. The new Administration Hall is shown in the accompanying cut. It is regarded as an unpretentious but pleasing example of the collegiate Gothic.

The other cut is an older one and is chosen because it shows the buildings in a group. The new Administration Hall stands almost exactly on the site of the old.

Another event in the history of the university was perhaps as sensational, and, to the minds of some, quite as disastrous as any fire. I refer to the many changes made in its administration and faculty two years ago. We have only to plead that the baby state was still in its swaddling clothes and that its first movements were likely to be aimless and mistaken. Such a pronounced upheaval could hardly occur again.

For the first few years the preparatory department was the largest in the school. The first bachelors were graduated in 1898—a class of two. There are now six separate schools in the university, and twenty-two departments in the College of arts and sciences. The law school was opened only this fall, and has now 45 enrolled for the first year's work. The fifteen unit system has been adopted for entrance requirement. In 1907, in all the territory south of the Mason and Dixon line the University of Oklahoma was one of four whose entrance

requirements equalled those set by the trustees of the Carnegie Foundation.

In the west and middle west wherever there is a college the fraternity idea is not long forth-coming. In 1897 Eta Kappa Nu was organized here with a vague purpose of nationalization, but the society was short lived. In the course of a few years Gamma Phi was organized, and petitioned Beta Theta Pi. Before their petition was granted, however, chapters of Kappa Alpha (southern) and Kappa Sigma were established. Since Beta entered, Sigma Nu and Sigma Alpha Epsilon have founded chapters here. There are two local fraternities and two local sororities. Kappa Alpha Theta is the first woman's fraternity in Oklahoma.

ADELAIDE LOOMIS, Alpha Omicron

SCHOOL OF HOUSEHOLD ARTS

Columbia has this year opened the first university School of Household Arts, under the auspices of the Teachers' college. Hitherto Teachers' college has offered a number of courses on subjects relating to domestic art; cookery, dressmaking, millinery, and house furnishing and decoration. Their popularity, and the increased need for a more educated approach to fundamental problems of food, clothing and shelter has recently resulted in an anonymous gift of half a million dollars for the erection and equipment of a special household arts building and the organization of a school of household arts.

The building, which is the result of special study and long experience, is provided with model laundries; testing laboratories for household mechanical appliances; laboratories for cookery, for textiles and needlework, for household and physiological chemistry; and studios for design, furnishing, and decoration. Beside these are, a demonstration apartment of six rooms, a model dining room, a special reading room, lec-

ture rooms, and also an open roof for recreation and outdoor experiments.

The curriculum provides for an undergraduate course, leading either to the Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science degree, open to students after two years of work at Teachers' college. Domestic Science degrees may be earned in organization and administration of domestic art education, in investigation of personal, household, and institutional hygiene, in household chemistry, physiological chemistry, and nutrition. Work also is provided for those desiring the Ph. D. degree, in connection with other schools of the university, with the New York Botanical gardens, and with the Department of Agriculture at Washington. Technical courses leading to special diplomas are offered for those who do not expect to teach, beside a number of classes for those interested in only one field of work. In addition to this, special provision is made for philanthropic workers in connection with the New York School of Philanthrophy, as well as courses in nursing and hospital economy, in connection with a number of leading New York hospitals. THEODORA HALL '09, Alpha Zeta

HOME ECONOMICS AT THE UNIVER-SITY OF VERMONT

Lambda is very glad to take this opportunity to acquaint all Thetas with the recent establishment of the department of Home Economics in the University of Vermont.

This work is directly under the charge of Prof. Bertha M. Terrill, a Vermont-bred woman who was graduated from Mt. Holyoke with the degree of A. B. Later she received from the University of Chicago the degree of A. M. However, it is Miss Terrill herself, whom we have come to regard with the warmest and deepest respect, a woman of truly noble character.

and altogether so charming that we know her to be an honor, not only to the department, but to our whole university.

As to the work, you will readily realize that because of its recent introduction, improvements are continually being planned. At present there is a course especially for senior girls, who were exceedingly desirous of having had something along this line before graduation. The course deals with food study—one lecture period and two laboratory periods a week. The lectures serve to sum up the work done in the laboratory. The laboratory work is indeed practical, for, while studying eggs as an article of food, omelet, scrambled and poached eggs, custards baked and boiled, are made. On certain afternoons one room in Morill Hall (in which is this laboratory) has a great attraction for people, who are not, strictly speaking, taking the course.

There is also a lecture course given by Prof. Terrill for teachers and house wives, and possibly, during the mid-year examination period, a two weeks' course for wives and daughters in the rural districts.

As before hinted, the class for senior college girls will probably not be continued hereafter but be replaced by courses requiring preparation in chemistry, bacteriology, biology, etc. At present plans for these courses have not been announced.

It is true that novelty adds much to the popularity of a subject, yet it is equally true that Home Economics has come to stay. In Vermont it stands for the ideal home life; the utilization of the resources of modern science to improve the home life; the freedom of the home from the dominance of things and their due subordination to ideals; the simplicity in material surroundings which will free the spirit for the more important and permanent interests of the home and of society.

BERTHA FIELD, Lambda

PLAYGROUND COURSES AT MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY

That the public playground is becoming an essential feature of civic life is recognized by the University of Missouri in the establishment of courses for the training of playground directors and teachers. This is an interesting development of the practical vocational courses that spring from the cultural study of society and ethics.

These courses are offered by the School of education at the University of Missouri. The preliminary courses are in general psychology and economic sociology. These are followed by two special courses. The one—play and education—deals with the nature and functions of play, the meaning and place of play in child life, athletics as play, and the effective development of the play impulse for the betterment of social and educational conditions. The other—playground and gymnastic games—discusses all games and athletic activities adapted to children, and studies the organization, management and value of playgrounds.

These courses are supplemented by practical laboratory practice as directors, teachers and assistants in the playground maintained by the city, Columbia. The city furnishes the playground and the students and instructors in these courses are responsible for the work and play in this new type of out-of-door park.

Women students find these courses of particular interest since experience has shown that women are especially adapted to this playground work while the rapid spread of the playground movement has opened many positions for trained workers. The courses are also of value to women who have no intention of taking up professional playground work because of the general knowledge of child life and the practical training in play methods acquired from these studies.

WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY'S HERITAGE

It is a unique experience to go to college amid the ruins of last summer's fair, to attend a class in a beautiful, stately building of brick and stone and be stared at by plaster palaces across the way. They, too, were beautiful in their time. In the warm summer months, they had a tropical, Arabian Nights air, but now in the bleak, rainy season, they look a little chilly and out of place. Not that one minds it. There is a novelty about it that appeals to the imagination, and before the strangeness has had time to wear off, the plaster palaces will be torn down and carted away.

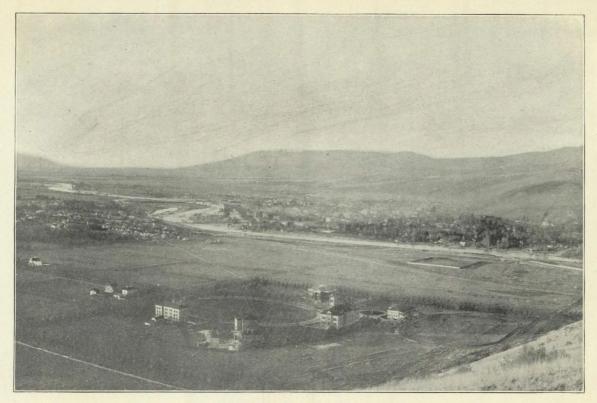
The benefits which the university has derived from the exposition will be easier to tell next year or the year after, than this when nothing is quite settled and we scarcely have had time to realize our new possessions. Nearly thirty new buildings and not one of them yet christened! Some of the more important of the buildings are: the Forestry building which will be used as a museum, the Auditorium, the Chemistry building (Fine Arts), Engineering building (Machinery Hall), president's home (New York building), Library (Washington state building), and the Administration building.

If the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition had not been attended by a single person, it still could not have been called a complete failure, while leaving behind it such a splendid heritage. That it did succeed in its other aims was due to the fact that it exploited not so much the past and the present as the future of the great northwest. What these buildings mean to us is not an end or attainment in themselves, but a promise of a still greater university to come.

SARA VINSONHALER



UNIVERSITY HALL, UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA.



CAMPUS, UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA

THE UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA

The University of Montana was established by a federal grant of seventy-two sections of land to the state for educational purposes—this land to form a principal which could never be diminished; the income from which would form a fund for the maintenance of the university.

The land selected was of the best in the state and began at once to bring in revenue from leases, timber licenses and interest on accumulated moneys.

In 1895 the university was opened in one of the public school buildings of Missoula and was placed under the control of the State Board of education.

In 1896 forty acres, at the base of the hills to the east of the town, were donated as a campus. Bonds to the value of \$100,000 were then issued and two buildings were constructed—University Hall and Science Hall. In 1901, they were enabled to add a Woman's dormitory and a gymnasium and in 1908, a library.

These buildings surround an oval of lawn of about three acres while across the front and down both sides of the campus extends a double row of trees adding much to the naturally picturesque situation. At the back rises a steep hill upon which an astronomical observatory is to be built; to the west and south lie the timber covered Bitter Root mountains whose peaks are white with snow far into the summer; and directly north of the campus flows the unruly Missoula river which at the time of the spring floods washes away trees and houses and bridges and one year kept most of the students captive on the campus for days after college had closed.

The town of Missoula lies for the most part on the other side of this river which is ordinarily a very ornamental stream.

The main lines of the Northern Pacific, its Coeur d' Alène branch and the new Milwaukee & Puget Sound make this something of a railroad center especially as the proposed branches of the Canadian Pacific and of the Oregon Short Line will pass through this valley and will open up a great deal of new country.

Missoula is also the headquarters of the first division of the Government forestry reserve, while three miles out is an old army post, the scene of many stirring events during the Indian uprisings and now being converted by the Government into one of the best equipped and most modern of its army quarters.

Then, too, this small well-protected valley is one of the most desirable residence sections of the state—the extreme cold general to the greater part of Montana being unknown here.

All these things have brought to Missoula, a fine, well-educated type of citizen who will eventually make this small city one of the foremost of the northwest and who have had a great influence on the life and growth of the university.

This university is young and still in the first stages of development as is also this big state with its untold resources. The enrollment in the university is small, there being barely three hundred students but the whole population of the state scarcely exceeds 300,000.

They are working for "a good college not a big one," and the substantial progress made in the last few years in standard and in spirit counts far more than mere numbers of students in attendance.

Until 1905 the high schools of the state were unable to offer sufficient instruction to meet the requirements of the university and it was necessary to conduct a preparatory department. Under the influence of the university authorities, the legislature finally required the high schools to sustain a regular four years' course enabling the discontinuance of the Preparatory school and allowing the professors more time to take up special and advanced courses.

The faculty is very strict in its insistance that every student not only have full entrance credits, but that he continue to be a student in good standing, carrying the full amount of work and keeping it up to the proper standard. Hence the scholarship average is high, but attendance is somewhat diminished. There is a very capable faculty of nineteen professors and eleven assistants mostly eastern college men. The president, Dr. Duniway, was elected to that office in the summer of 1908. Up to that time he had been associate professor of history at Stanford university. He is a graduate of Cornell and of Harvard, is a young man of eastern training and western experience and has already accomplished much for this institution.

A very thorough course of study is offered in the various departments of the schools of Liberal arts, engineering, forestry and music. A Biological station is conducted at Flat Head Lake where 160 acres were granted for this purpose. A school of law and a summer school are to be established soon and the course of study has recently been changed from the group system to the more satisfactory system of majors and minors.

As to the income—the federal land grant of 46,000 acres is valued at \$1,000,000. and brings in \$15,000. annually; an annual appropriation from the legislature of \$75,000; a permanent fund of \$185,000; campus and buildings valued at \$50,000.—the whole representing a fairly large endowment, since the legislature has assumed the old bonded debt.

The whole student body is of an exceptionally fine type. Whether this is due to the general high class of people throughout the state or to the fact that this is the only university available to them, it is hard to say.

But with their enthusiastic spirit as a continual stimulus, with the solid foundation of strong backing by the state and the great possibilities of a future in a new country, great things may be expected of this university.

JESSIE M. MACFARLAND.

FOR YOUR FRATERNITY BOOK SHELF

The third edition of the *Sorority handbook* by Mrs. Ida Shaw Martin of Delta Delta Delta, appeared in November 1909. That this book has filled a real want in fraternity literature is shown by the demand for three editions and a supplement in less than three years. In these days of new fraternities and wise growth among the older ones, the well informed fraternity woman finds constant use for such an up-to-date manual.

We hope that this book is well known to all our members. For the benefit of the few who may not own a copy, the following information is here repeated. Let no chapter library be without this latest edition. All fraternity women owe a debt of gratitude to Mrs. Martin for her careful, accurate and interesting presentation of fraternity life, purposes, and achievements.

The introductory chapters treat of the higher education of women, of the rise of the fraternity system and its subsequent development by college girls, of the need and value of the sorority to the college, to the student and to the world. Later portions of the book are given over to interesting facts and figures about the sororities and fraternities and to valuable statistical data concerning colleges of prominence.

There are two bindings, the college edition in paper for \$1.00, and the de luxe edition in cloth at \$1.50. Books are sent prepaid but all orders must contain money in form of draft, or express or post office money orders. Special club offers are as follows: college edition, ten copies to one address \$5.50, five copies \$3.50; de luxe edition, ten copies to one address \$12.00, five copies \$6.50. All orders should be sent to Roxburgh press, Roxbury, Mass.

ANCIENT HISTORY

This summer while exploring an attic, Charlotte Hall Walker, our former editor, found several copies of our 1884 song-book. This valuable archive had been known as "a traditional publication" since the only knowledge we had con-

cerning it were these words in the Preface of the 1891 song-book—"One song-book was published in 1884." This is the second early song-book that has come to light since a bibliography of our publications appeared in the March 1907 Journal. The other was the unknown (and undoubtedly the first) edition, printed in 1877.

Both of these early song-books are modest brown paper-covered volumes, but the 1884 book is larger than the 1877 book, being $5\frac{1}{2} \times 7\frac{1}{2}$ inches in size and containing the words only of thirty-eight songs. Nowhere in the book is there a hint of the identity of editors or authors. Some of the authors have not continued to successfully hide their identity though, for of the nine songs from this collection that we sing today from the 1908 edition of our song-book, only one appears without the author's name. The nine songs of 1884 that appear in the 1908 edition are numbers 13, 30, 35, 37, 40, 46, 49, 71, and 81.

For this book the following note should be inserted in the bibliography under song-books.

1884

Songs of the Kappa Alpha Theta fraternity. 48 p. D. Indianapolis, Carlon & Hollenbeck, 1884.

Contains 38 songs, words only.

EDITORIALS

NEW YEAR'S greetings to Kappa Alpha Theta, to each of her chapters, to every one of her members. It is a unique coincidence for us that in January we greet two New Years. 1910 we welcome with the trust that it shall be for each of us the best year yet. Then on the twenty-seventh we greet Kappa Alpha Theta's forty-first year with the trust that "new joys attend on thy new-added year." A retrospective thought of the forty years of Thetahood assures us that loyalty and love have yearly brought new joys from the modest beginning of 1870. May we through faithfulness add a little to Theta's progress during this new year!

The conventional "many happy returns of the day" is a most appropriate birthday greeting for Kappa Alpha Theta, for, unlike the proverbial feminine, she rejoices at the increasing number of her milestones. Founders' day—this fortieth birthday—will witness the foregathering of Thetas at each chapter center, college and alumnae, and there are nine new centers this year. To these new chapters and to this year's initiates celebrating this fortieth Founders' day as their first fraternity birthday, we extend a special greeting. May Kappa Alpha Theta mean to them year by year all of their ideal of her and may they mean to Kappa Alpha Theta all that their promise gave us confidence to trust them to become.

On this birthday our thoughts turn to the four joyous college girls who gave life to our organization. Only two of them are now living to receive our congratulations and appreciation. All honor to these womanly women! May Kappa Alpha Theta always be worthy their pride and trust. May this fortieth birthday usher in a new year of growth, strength, and pleasure to our fraternity—Kappa Alpha Theta.

In these days of countless college clubs, athletic contests, enterprises of varied type, and strenuous study, our college members lead busy lives. Chapter letters and reports fairly

hum with the rush of college life. While a life of activity is the genuine life, it is true that the effective person is the one with poise, whose activities are never allowed to encroach upon hours of rest, service, and personal growth. It is possible to be too busy to enjoy life though immersed in the pleasure of one's activities. The fraternity is a great opportunity for friendship. The college girl who is so occupied with her multiple college duties and interests as to have no time for her friends and for personal social service, is far from making the most of her college opportunities. To our college members we offer this observation from the wise Robert Louis Stevenson as an excellent motto guide through the pressure of college days.

"Extreme busyness whether at school or college, kirk or market, is a symptom of deficient vitality; and a faculty for idleness implies a catholic appetite and a strong sense of personal identity."

LUMNAE letters in this issue and reports from the other alumnae chapters make clear that our alumnae chapters are active chapters. The note of happy pleasure in alumnae intercourse is the best of proof that the enjoyment of fraternity is not alone for the undergraduate college girl. On Thanksgiving eve, Xi alumnae arranged a banquet in Kansas City where ninety Thetas gathered for an evening of comradeship. Elsewhere appears Kappa alumnae's invitation to her Founders' day luncheon when she hopes to greet all Western Pennsylvania Thetas. Do not disappoint her by your absence. Zeta alumnae is the banner chapter in size—sixty-four active members this year. The fraternity congratulates this Indianapolis chapter upon its success in reaching and interesting every resident alumna. But the most cosmopolitan of our chapters is in Seattle where on Omicron alumnae's roll, more than half of our college chapters are represented. It is in cities and at the far corners of the world that the true value of alumnae chapters is most prized.

SCHOLARSHIP deterioration is a frequent refrain in the present day criticism of our colleges. While we would in no way belittle true scholarship, we confess to being somewhat amused at the almost hysterical note this cry takes at times. Is it quite sane to compare the average scholarship of today with that of fifty years ago, when today college is a matter of course for every boy, and most girls, who can afford it, while then it was only the so-thought particularly gifted who entered college halls? Can any one be found to maintain that the grade records of an institution are any true criterion of the scholarship of its students? Yet many of these criticisms are based entirely on such records while any one at all familiar with college life knows that high grades are often the result of "midnight crams," while a student, deeply interested in a subject, reading widely along lines opened up by the particular course, and carrying into after life a continued love and interest in the subject, may have only average or perhaps even mediocre grades. Which stands for scholarship, the cram and high grade or the average grade and a continued interest in the subject? Grades do not necessarily mean even excellence in study which is also a thing quite apart from real scholarship.

Our colleges may in their inception have been primarily for the training of intellectual leaders, for the encouragement of thinkers and experimenters, who, in advance of the thought of the age, raised the nation's ideals. Today the unanimous ideal—if we can trust the words of our educators—is that a college shall train for effective citizenship. Is there any community where the venerated scholar, the recluse student, is listed among the most effective citizens? College life at its best is a life apart and four of the most impressionable years of life spent in this apart college community makes necessary some effort for adjustment to one's place afterward as a part of the every day life of the real world. Will the student who at college does nothing but study be the most skillful or the most quick to become an effective unit of real life? Yet, if taxed with his non-

participation in college activities, he will generally confess it is a choice between a fine record as a scholar or a reputation for usefulness in college life. Can a university that boasts of training citizens reconcile its ideal with scholarship attained at such cost? Today not one's own success but one's service is the measure of a successful life. Is it possible for the average person-and in the present college constituency we deal with average people—to excel in any one line except at the expense of other phases of life? College is primarily a place to learn but all learning is not found in books and class rooms, and no system of measurement will really measure learning, to say nothing of scholarship. The many demands of the complex life of today are hard to meet adequately; just as soon as the pursuit of knowledge forces one to relinquish other phases of life it is time (unless you be one of the rare genuises destined to lead the life apart for the good of future mankind) to call a halt though it be to destroy one's chances for scholarship honors. Scholarship like any thing else can be acquired at too great a cost. We have but to compare the undergraduate scholarship records of alumni of whom any college is proud, with the citizenship records of alumni who were prize undergraduate scholars, to demonstrate beyond cavil that undergraduate scholarship records are no criterion of a university's successful work for its ideal of effective citizenship.

We urge upon our college members serious study, earnest, hard work which means sane scholarship, not high grades. So often the girl whose scholarship is the boast of the chapter so obviously lacks those things which the world rightly deems as essential results of a college education that claims to make effective members of society. Appeals for higher scholarship usually reach the very students who need other things while passing over the heads of the more careless students whose scholarship might be improved without serious loss to their development along other lines. But after all, most of the world is already too serious and it is only after years out of college that the true sig-

nificance of college days can be justly gauged—and scholarship grades will play a small part in that estimate.

The ideal of a college's purpose, the constituency of the college and the methods of today are all against high scholarship as evinced by grades. Indeed it is perhaps more just to say scholarship is unrelated to grades in these days when pressure of large classes forces the formal examination as the teacher's sole knowledge of what his students are studying and when we have come to estimate the value of a life by its usefulness rather than by its distinction or fame. The scholarship critics should become acquainted with the real students, whose work they criticise from records, and bear in mind the present aim of college so concisely stated by President Lowell in his inaugural address:

"College duty is to give freedom of thought, breadth of outlook and training for citizenship. College should enable a student to master one subject, thus giving him accuracy of thought, and it ought to enable him to become acquainted with the methods of many subjects so that no department of thought will be a sealed book to him."

NOTICES

Kappa alumnae will celebrate Founders' day on January 29 by a luncheon. Thetas in or near Pittsburg at that time are most cordially urged to join us. Reservations will be made by applying to the secretary, Marion Leatherman, 203 Roupe st.

Help committee; Gamma alumnae, New York city. The object of this committee is to be of service in any possible way to Kappa Alpha Thetas who are in or near New York city or who contemplate coming to the city. Chairman of the committee: Mrs. A. B. A. Bradley, 404 W. one-hundred-sixteenth st. New York city.

The Grand council has decided to use its discretionary power and not authorize an "Historical number" of the Journal in this volume. The

Editor has at hand copies of the last Historical Journal published, March 1906. Upon request, copies will be sent those chapters whose archive file lacks this number.

Please notify the editor at once, if any number of the Journal fails to reach you. Be equally prompt in sending notice of a changed address.

Subscribers! carefully heed the notice when subscription expires and please renew promptly. Under the postal regulations, we can not continue to send the Journal to those whose subscriptions are in arrears and who have not expressly renewed the same. They can not be classed as a part of the "legitimate list of subscribers" and if we should continue to mail copies to subscribers in arrears, the Journal would lose its second class mail privileges.

We are especially anxious to strengthen our department of alumnae news. Every subscriber is cordially invited, yea urgently entreated, to send all possible items concerning the doings of herself or other Thetas.

CHAPTER LETTERS AND ALUMNAE NEWS

ALPHA—DEPAUW UNIVERSITY

Another term has almost expired, the days having slipped by quickly and pleasantly, as college days do. Very soon it will be time to wish all our sisters the brightest and best new year possible. The weather here at DePauw, having been devoid of snow flurries and cold spells and so opposite to "Christmasy" weather, makes it hard to realize the holidays are so near at hand; but, too, we must remember that the real Christmas spirit, born over nineteen hundred years ago, does not travel by sleigh and reindeer but from heart to heart.

November 2 we gave our formal party and it was a very pretty one. One of our alumnae, Mrs. Jesse Wick, gave us the use of her home for the occasion. We carried out Hallowe'en idea in decorating and found the Theta black cat fitted in most conveniently. A clever burlesque on Julius Caesar

was produced and the best proof of its success was that the next day familiar tunes from the play were hummed and whistled on the campus while the Kappa Alpha Thetas were being pronounced royal entertainers.

The sophomore pledge system is being considered and in all probability will be adopted this year. This is our earnest desire for we feel that our fraternity can stand the test of freshmen's long acquaintance with our members and observation of their college ideals.

We will have initiation December 6.

3 December 1909 MARGUERITE JAYNE NICHOLSON

'86 Ermina Fallas Murlin (Mrs. L. H.) is living at Bayreuther str. 39, Berlin, W. Germany. Mr. Murlin is pastor of the American church in Berlin.

'92-ex Mrs. Louise Fisher MacDougall is living in Tuscon, Ariz.

'o1-ex Mary Lane died in Oklahoma city on November 20, 1909.

'04 Born in November, a son to Ethel Thornburgh Shirley (Mrs. Richard.)

'II Grace Elizabeth Paxson's last story "The Rivals" appeared in the Christmas number of McCall's magazine.

Nelle Keller and Julia Crittenberger of Beta chapter have been recent guests of Alpha.

Lucile Marshall of Jasonville, Ind. Lillian June Barton and Katharine Barton of Milroy, Ind. were guests at the chapter house last month.

BETA-INDIANA STATE UNIVERSITY

Our fourteen freshmen were initiated October 6, and after the initiation a banquet to the alumnae was given. Fostered by toasts full of Theta spirit and loyalty, songs, the friendly rivalry among the four classes and the alumnae for supremacy in enthusiasm, the freshmen were initiated anew into the friendships that are the best the fraternity has to offer. We were all of us, older girls and freshmen, made better Thetas by the initiation, fired afresh with the desire to make our chapter the best it has ever been, in every line of activity. And these ideals were not allowed to die after the special occasion that aroused

them but are being carried out in hard work and sacrifice. The freshmen's surprise gift to the house was a beautiful chair.

A new departure in chapter meetings has been tried with great success this year. After every meeting, the classes in turn, senior, junior, sophomore and freshmen, entertain the chapter in some novel way. This enables all the girls to have their fun once a week, undisturbed by outsiders. Part of the spirit and good condition of the chapter is due to the work of one girl. She has given all her time, all her energy, all the knowledge she has gained through three years' experience, to the bettering of the chapter, and she has succeeded notably. There are other Thetas who probably would have done the work as well as she, but the opportunity was given her, and no praise is too great for the way in which she has handled the difficult situations that always arise in the fall term.

Le Cercle Français gave a reception for prospective members and the faculty, Monday, November 22, in the parlors of the Student building. A clever little farce was given in French by the members of the club for the entertainment of the guests. Miss Jeanne Crowder '13 was pledged.

Strut and Fret, the dramatic organization of the university, held tryouts for membership October 21, and the following Thetas were admitted: Mabel Dunn '13, Jeanne Crowder '13, and Lucille Royer '13. For a tryout each person takes a clever little part from a play and acts it before the club. Out of the sixty-five trying out, only seven girls and six men could be taken, so it was quite a compliment that every Theta who tried, was admitted.

Nell Reed '11, has recently been made a member of the English club.

The Woman's league presented Bernard Shaw's You never can tell, November 17 with the parts taken by members of the faculty. And along that line, Strut and Fret presents Pinero's farce, The magistrate, December 13. Miss Mabel Dunn takes the part of Charlotte and according to those who have seen the practices, she is interpreting the part cleverly.

The charity minstrel to be given December 6 has the following Thetas in the caste, Grace Bray '11, Mae Kemp '11, and Alice Booth '09.

Over the week end of the big event of the football year, the game between Indiana university and her upstate rival, Purdue, there were a great many guests at the house. The game was won by Indiana university. It was a day of triumph for that sportsmanlike spirit of both colleges that led them to try and outdo each other in courtesy. The following Theta guests were entertained: from Gamma chapter, Helen Reed, Ethel Stewart, Laura Lindley, Fern Brendle, Mrs. Eichrodt; from Delta chapter, Jeanette Keator; alumnae from our own chapter, Mary Bailey, Genevieve Brown, Helen Norris, Jess Beeler, Hilda Palmer, Clarabel Hood, Edith Alexander, Nelle Aydelotte.

Beta has a new pledge, Katherine McMahon, Lafayette.

1 December 1909 KATHARINE CROAN

GAMMA—BUTLER COLLEGE

Butler has just completed a very successful term. The football team gave everyone a surprise when they defeated Wabash on Thanksgiving day. It was one of the most interesting games ever seen here and gave us a claim to the secondary championship again this year.

The junior class has been making very extensive preparations for the prom. From all indications it will prove to be the largest social function of the year. One of our girls is chairman of one of the committees on preparation.

The Dramatic club has reorganized and one of our members was elected to membership. This club has been in the past a great source of pleasure for the college, and for this reason the reorganization is welcomed by everyone. Usually they give at least two plays during the year.

This year's rushing season has been extended to January 15. So far the long rush has been successful in that we have been able to see the new girls in all their relations toward the col-

lege. I believe we will be better able to judge girls after this long rush than we ever were before, because we have seen in many cases how little one's first opinion of a girl really means.

FLORENCE MCHATTON

DELTA-UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

At the time our last letter was sent to the Journal, we were in the midst of rushing. Everything was indefinite and undecided, but October 8, our pledge day, ended a three weeks' rushing season which had been a happy and interesting one in every way. A revised set of Panhellenic rules made every thing simpler this fall. November 9, we were happy to initiate ten freshmen: Blanch Black, Geraldine Bullard, Mildred Cayton, Josephine Ledgerwood, Van Essa McDowell, Julia Niver, Cornelia Mather, Miriam Samter, Ethel Spencer, Florence Woodman. It was an unusual occurrence to welcome three sisters of older Delta girls as freshmen this year.

One of the happiest events so far, was our Initiation banquet when 55 Thetas from Delta chapter, and three from other chapters gathered together in a happy reunion.

We feel proud this year to be able to show our visitors, and all who are interested, our splendid new Physics laboratory which has just been dedicated, also the addition to our Natural history building. But best of all, is the prospect of a new Main Hall, which is to be erected during the year. We have been sadly in need of this for some time, since our present University Hall was the first building erected on our campus, years ago.

I cannot close our letter, without mentioning the enjoyable visit we had with Miss Edith Stoner, Grand president of Kappa Kappa Gamma. As secretary of the National Panhellenic, she called a meeting of the fraternity girls, and we spent a part of one evening in an interesting and profitable discussion.

29 November 1909

ANNE STOPHLET

'01 Born a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. John Bush (Helen Taylor) Joliet, Ill.

'02 Born to Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Storey (Phoebe Mulliken) a daughter, Priscilla on August 16, 1909.

'10-ex Married Miss Pearl Benjamin to Mr. Benjamin C. English, on November 10, at Danville, Ill.

'10-ex Born, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Colvin (Mabel Hanson) Urbana, Ill.

Epsilon-Wooster University

December finds us with no new members, but all the old girls rushing most faithfully and enthusiastically. Panhellenic has set pledge day on the eleventh of February, and we have planned for three rushing stunts to take place in the meantime. One rushing party we have given already; a third of our girls took a number of desirable new girls for a drive to a little town a few miles from Wooster; there we had ordered a hot supper, which every one was hungry enough to enjoy thoroughly, and then we drove home in the moonlight. Our guests were most enthusiastic about its success. We only hope that the other parties will go off as nicely.

We were all delighted to have three of our girls from last year, Ruth Marquart, Ada May, and Grace Gaston, back in Wooster for short visits. Evelyn Lucas '09, who is now in Cleveland, runs in on us for a flying visit every little while, so that we feel as if we had not yet lost her altogether. Cecelia Remy '04, was also here for a short visit.

Epsilon wishes all the Theta sisters a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

29 November 1909

AMY G. MARCH

'85 Carrie Wilson Hughes (Mrs. R. C.) is now living in Madison, Wis.

'95 Elizabeth Reid is a member of the English faculty at Swarthmore college.

'98-ex Virgilia Wallace is located in Columbus, Ohio where she is teaching music.

ETA-UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Eta chapter is proud to announce the names of its ten initiates: Katharine Sherwood of Toledo, Annie Williams of Detroit, Margaret Weart of Winnetka, Ill. Mary Lynn of Wabash, Elizabeth Crocker of Springfield, Mass. Elsie Weitz of Cleveland, Gladys Vedder of Rushville, Ill. Agnes Parks of Elk Rapids, Mich. Catherine Bigelow of Boston, and Dorothy Brown of Lansing; and also of its two new pledges, Jessie May and Stella Roth of Ann Arbor. In addition to initiation, we have enlarged our chapter in another way. Two Thetas from Pi chapter, Ruth Haller of the School of Music and Clarabelle Shaffer of the graduate school, are boarding at the house. We are looking forward to the affiliation of Clarabelle in the near future. Our initiation this year was of special interest in that seven chapters besides Eta were represented. We had with us Mrs. Jeanette Sayre Canfield from Kappa, Mrs. Florence Hagle Ruthven, Clarabelle Shaffer and Ruth Haller from Pi. Mrs. Amy Yoran Rich from Chi, Sue and May Siebert from Alpha Gamma, Elizabeth Garrison from Alpha, Amy Turner from Epsilon, and Grace Bray from Beta.

We of Michigan have been stirred to the depths by our victories on the football field. The town could scarcely wait to welcome the team home from Pennsylvania, and when the Minnesota game ended the season with its triumphant score, our enthusiasm scarcely knew bounds. We were very glad to welcome five Thetas from Alpha Gamma for the Ohio state game.

The Anti-tuberculosis league had a most successful "blue star day" here in November. The proceeds amounted to over two thousand dollars.

One of the most delightful times we have had lately was when we gave a party for some fifteen little children from four to ten years of age. We found we had not forgotten how to pin the tail on the donkey, to play "London bridges," nor to eat pink ice cream. In fact, I think we enjoyed the entertainment quite as much as our little guests.

Bernice Randal having been initiated into Mortor Board this fall, all three of our seniors are now members of that society.

29 November 1909 MARY MULHERON

'80 and '84 Alice Van Hoosen Jones (Mrs. J. C.) and Dr. Bertha Van Hoosen are spending the year in Europe.

'99 Charlotte Leavitt is Professor of English literature in Washburn college.

'03 Cora Wells Thorpe (Mrs. G. C.) sailed for Japan, November 9, where she will meet her husband.

'03 Married October 23, at Marquette, Mich. Olive Blanchard to Harry Gray, Yale, Phi Delta Phi.

'04 Mary Stewart Hooker (Mrs. H.) and Mr. Hooker visited the chapter house November 26.

'06 Annie L. White Emley (Mrs. W. E.) has changed her address from Philadelphia to 812 Anderson st. E. E. Pittsburg, Pa.

'08 Margaret Stockbridge, who was working for her M. A. degree at Michigan, left November 26, to teach German in the Muskegon high school. Her address is: 161 Houston ave. Muskegon, Mich.

'12 Helen Pyle has announced her engagement to Austin Trier, Phi Gamma Delta '11.

We had with us at initiation: Myra Post Cady, Faith Cooper, Margaret Dresser, Mabel Gale Lowrie, Ethel Obetz, and Bertha Ballard of Detroit; Charlotte Bissel of Toledo; Emma Weitz of Cleveland; Ruth Manville Sinclair of Flint; Frieda Reynolds of Milwaukee; Leona Belser of Chelsea; and Ruth Lowe Woods, Charlotte Walker and Margaret Stockbridge of Ann Arbor.

IOTA—CORNELL UNIVERSITY

First let us introduce to you our two pledges of whom we are justly proud, Madeleine Avery of West Taghkanic and Kate Northrup of Wanakena. Initiation will be December 4 at Mrs. Ida Preston Nichols', and we shall go from there to the home of Mrs. Ruby Green Smith of Phi, for the initiation banquet. Mrs. Anna Botsford Comstock has offered us her house for the first chapter meeting after initiation. We are anticipating a very beautiful meeting for our new Thetas and for us all.

We are very happy to have with us for a few days two of our alumnae, Bess Nichols and Rey Preston, and are hoping to see some more of our old girls back for initiation. Lillian Whiteley has returned to Philadelphia after a visit of several weeks with us.

November 13 and 14, the members of the Intercollegiate self-government association were the guests of the women of Cornell, and held their annual conference here. It was a very great pleasure to meet these representative girls of other colleges, to show them our university, and to discuss with them the problems which affect the college woman. All our time was not devoted to business however, for the delegates attended the Chicago-Cornell football game, the Glee club concert, and a play given by the Sage Dramatic club. We Iota Thetas were glad to welcome among the delegates five of our sisters, Caroline Sutphin and Elizabeth DeVoy of Alpha Kappa, Sophia Steese of Chi, Liela Tucker of Alpha Epsilon, and Bessie Metcalf of Mu.

November 26, Lois Wing consoled with a house dance, those of us who did not go home for the Thanksgiving holidays.

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JEAN FINDLAY POTTS

'oo A son has been born to Jenney Gilbert Kerlin (Mrs. W. D.)
'oi-ex Born to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Harper (Alice Dickenson) a
daughter, Illis, on April 13, 1909.

'02 Mabel Hale, who teaches in Bryn Mawr, was with Alpha Beta at the chapter's fraternity meeting, November 17.

'09 Married November 9, 1909, in New York city, Queenie Northrup Horton and Robert Warren Sailor '07, Beta Theta Pi. Address: 1624 Adams st. Chicago, Ill.

KAPPA—UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS

Thanksgiving vacation is over and everyone is back and deep at work once more—whether that work is over lessons or embroidery hoops. These days the girls are spending every spare moment, making Christmas presents and the card table and piano are deserted.

Most of the girls spent their Thanksgiving holidays in Kansas City, where they attended the annual Theta banquet and the Thanksgiving game between Kansas and Missouri. For the results of that game all readers are referred to the letter from Alpha Mu. The banquet this year was the first one since the installation of Alpha Mu and the Kappa girls were glad of this chance to meet and welcome their new sisters.

The freshman Katsup is already a thing of the past. The Katsup this year was a clever little play *His Lordship* and was staged with real scenery.

A big Christmas dinner is to be given at the chapter house just before the girls leave for their vacation and only the active chapter and a few of the newest alumnae are to be present. It is to be a very formal affair where toasts will be given to everybody and everything and Christmas presents will be given to the house.

We have had several Thetas from other chapters here as guests this year. Grace Commiskey of Alpha Kappa, came down from Fort Riley for initiation and Pearl Cassell Bender (Mrs. John) of Beta chapter was also here. Since then Harriet Sperry of Delta has visited us over Sunday.

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MYRA ROGERS

'94 Mary Barkley is teaching in the Topeka high school.

'02 Winifred Everingham is also teaching in Topeka.

'04 Nelle Wilhelmi Moore has a daughter, born in August 1909.

'06 Helen Smith has gone to Chicago to take the course at St. Luke's Training school for nurses.

LAMBDA—UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT

With the first snow fall and the coming of Thanksgiving, hostilities between the freshmen and sophomore classes ceased. The sophomores won a mighty victory. The contest "Proc" night was in their favor and they received the silver cup as victors of the football game, November 20. The little green caps, the badge of freshmanhood, have been laid away forever. After the game the girls were entertained by some of the faculty ladies; the seniors and juniors by Mrs. Ogle and Mrs. Perkins, the sophomores and freshmen by Mrs. Bassett.

The University of Vermont with fifteen points, won the cross country run from Union college.

The Y. W. C. A. girls are planning a fair for December 14. Several Thetas are members of the Cabinet and are interested in this project. The Home economics booth will be one of the attractions, vying for popularity with the Kitchen symphony, a unique and musical orchestra composed of cooking utensils.

The violent interest in rushing culminated November 11 in Pledge day. We consider ourselves very happy and very fortunate with our nine freshmen pledges: Bernice Bartlett of Norwood, N. Y. Helen Daniels of Burlington, Katherine Dewey of Royalton, Vt. Marion Grey of Worcester, Mass. Emily Hulburd of Hyde Park, Vt. Bessie Thayer of Marlboro, Mass. Ruth Tracy of Shelburne, Vt. Hazel Weeks of Burlington, and Mary Winslow of Royalton, Vt.

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EDNA LEE MCMURRAY

'93 Mary Brigham Buckham (Mrs. James) visited the chapter, November 27.

'95 . Born, September 17, 1909, to Grace Dean Belrose (Mrs. Walter) a son, Dean Webster.

'96 Florence May visited the chapter in October.

'97-ex Mabel Kidder, who is teaching in Proctor, Vt. visited the chapter on October 23.

'09 The following girls visited the chapter during the Teachers' convention held in Burlington, October 20-22: Marion Dane, Shirley Deyette, Mary Root and Miriam Hitchcock.

'12-ex Clara Perry has entered the University of Wisconsin and affiliated with Psi chapter.

MU-ALLEGHENY COLLEGE

Allegheny students have been much interested this year in the animated discussion concerning the publication of the college year book, the *Kaldron*. About twenty years ago, the men's fraternities bought up the stocks; and since that time it has been exclusively in their hands, the managing and editing of it passing in rotation from one fraternity to another. But the

spirit which has been at work for a new Allegheny and a better Allegheny began to question how well a fraternity organ could represent the entire college; and a movement was started to give the book over to the junior class. The College council finally decided that if the junior class did not publish the Kaldron, no Kaldron would be recognized as a college publication. But up to the present time, the junior class, as controlled by the fraternity element, has not signified its willingness to take the Kaldron from the hands of the fraternities. It is a big question as to whether the fraternities are representing the best interests of the college by refusing to let the book leave their control; and, if they are not, whether they can represent the best interests of the college fraternity as opposed to the best interests of the college. The fraternity men have been severely criticized by some, highly commended by others, for the stand they have taken. Although as yet it is an open question, a definite decision must soon be reached; or this year will see Allegheny without a year-book of any kind.

In the discussion of the publication of the year-book, the student organization known as the College council has taken a more definite stand and asserted its authority in a more decided manner than ever before; and it seems to be an advance in the right direction of having student affairs more directly under student control.

Allegheny college has always been rich in college tradition. Much has recently been done to preserve the memory of Timothy Alden, its founder and first president. In this connection, Dr. Dutton, acting president this year, a short time ago presented to the college, Timothy Alden's study chair which had been in possession of a family near Meadville. It is of little intrinsic value—a simple wooden chair rather antiquated in design; yet because of its association, it should mean much to the sons and daughters of Allegheny. Another important development is the interest recently aroused in the old stone back of the gymnasium around which students used to gather in the days of Culver Hall. It is expected that this stone will be

brought out on the campus soon, and given a suitable inscription.

Mu Thetas were glad to make the acquaintance of Miss Stoner, Grand president of Kappa Kappa Gamma, during her recent visit to the local chapter. Our first opportunity of meeting her was at the delightful reception which the Kappas gave for her to the Greek girls and the wives of the members of the faculty. The following day, a full Panhellenic meeting was called in which Miss Stoner gave us a message from the National Panhellenic association where she represents Kappa Kappa Gamma. She talked especially about the recommendations concerning the pledging of sisters and daughters the first week of college; and the revision of the local Panhellenic constitution to include a junior as well as a senior and an alumna representative from each fraternity. Later we had the privilege of meeting Miss Stoner again informally and of entertaining her for a short time in our fraternity rooms. We count ourselves as very fortunate in having this opportunity of meeting one who stands so high in the Greek world today.

In accordance with our chapter custom our eight pledges entertained us the week before initiation. They had devised a very original and clever scheme of entertainment in acting out the War of the Rebellion, which proved to be an amusing take-off on the supposed condition of a rushee's stomach. There were other delightful features of the evening, chief among which was their presentation to the fraternity of some beautiful cut glass and a half dozen solid silver forks engraved with fraternity and chapter letters. We were glad to have with us on this occasion, Ruth Townley, Emma Edson and Helen Anderson of Meadville.

Initiation was held November 13, and was unusually delightful because so many of our alumnae were with us. We were especially glad to welcome Miss Iris Barr '81, one of our charter members, who gave us interesting glimpses of college and fraternity life thirty years ago. Neither Miss Barr, nor Mrs. Haynes '88, who was also with us, had ever seen the initiation

in its present form; and they were both very much impressed by the service.

The seniors and juniors were much pleased to receive an invitation from Helen Murray to be the guests of her grandfather, Mr. Sullivan, at his home in Erie, for the week-end beginning December 11; they are looking forward eagerly to the house party and anticipating a great deal of pleasure.

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GERTRUDE HILLMAN

'86 Mrs. W. P. Murray, of Erie, Pa. is spending the winter at St. Petersburg, Fla.

'05-ex Bessie Burnham is doing library work in Philadelphia.

'07 Hattie Johnson is staying at Warner House, Baltimore, teaching in night school and investigating some special lines of Social settlement work.

'07 Florence Phillips is principal of a private school near Cleveland, Ohio, in which her sister, Harriette Phillips '08, is an instructor.

'II-ex Mae Straw is spending this year at her home in Cambridge Springs. She hopes to return to college at the opening of the second term,

'II Bess Metcalf was sent as the Junior delegate from Allegheny college to the annual convention of the Intercollegiate self-government association, held at Cornell, November 12-15.

Among those present for our initiation November 13, were Rebecca Cooper, Gertrude Harper, Mrs. Webb, Ruth Townley, Emma Edson, Katherine Adams, Clarabelle Wilkins, Bess Dutton, Ethel Canfield, Mrs. Kirschner, Julia Heibel, Phoebe Finley, Lenore Lytle, Mary Sansom, and Mae Straw.

RHO-NEBRASKA STATE UNIVERSITY

The semester is half gone at Nebraska, and it is a bit puzzling to look back over it and see just what it has done for us. One thing it has not done; it has not put any of us on the delinquency list. This may seem a superfluous statement and a fact we should be ashamed to be proud of, but that is not so if one understands conditions here. It has been felt that scholarship standards at Nebraska were not as high as they should be, and so the authorities have become very strict and severe. This year

an unofficial report declares that one-fourth of the entire freshman class is delinquent.

Now that mid-semester examinations are over, rushing has begun again, but with nothing like the excitement prevalent in the fall. Theta, with her thirteen freshmen, is sitting contentedly in the audience. During the past two months we have very much enjoyed little visits from a number of the alumnae. The State teachers' association meeting early in November brought many old Thetas and new recruits in the teaching ranks to Lincoln. The reception we gave in their honor at the chapter house was a most pleasant afternoon. The football games, of course, have often brought back girls, whose abundant college loyalty had not waned. Football reminds us of our sorrow, for this year's record is not one of success, at least not in the usual sense. After so many games the critic reported, "We lost, but we put up a splendid fight." Our chancellor tells us that the spirit and loyalty we have shown in supporting an honorable but losing team has made the year not least but most successful.

The Thanksgiving house-party was held as usual last week. The town girls took possession of the house Friday afternoon and delighted in the joys of house life until Sunday morning. This house-party not only gives us a very good time and is a factor in drawing together the girls who do not live together, but it also helps us to more fully comprehend and sympathize with the girls who make the fraternity house their home. This year we had an "alumnae luncheon" at which a number of alumnae whom the season had brought to town played with us. Edith Stewart of Tau spent some time at the house and added much to the good time. It is such fun to visit with Thetas from other colleges. We wish more of you would oftener come and see us.

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MARGARET WHEELER

'07 Camille Hall is teaching in the high school at Geneva, Neb. Zora Shields '02, Nelle Randall '99, Jessica Morgan '01, Jessie

Powers '08, and Helen Day '09 were among the state teachers who attended the convention in Lincoln the first of November.

Pearle Cassell Bender (Mrs. John) of Beta, was a visitor in Lincoln, brought here by the football game between Nebraska and the Haskel Indians, whom Mr. Bender has been coaching.

SIGMA—TORONTO UNIVERSITY

Sigma's chapter room has been fully appreciated this year. Throughout our rushing season we used it a great deal for afternoon tea, and occasionally for a supper party or a luncheon. We have grown so fond of our little home, and find it such a comfort to have a place near college where we can drop in for a cup of tea in the afternoon or an impromptu luncheon on a rainy day.

Rushing, this year, was very strenuous and presented some difficulties. However the seven hard weeks have come to an end, and with most satisfactory results. We can now present to you our five new members: Olive MacKay, a senior, whom we consider our greatest triumph, coming to us of her own free will, after a year's deliberation; and four fine freshmen, Gertrude Wright, Hazel Clements, Louis Von Gunten, and Alice Anderson, a sister of Margaret Anderson '07.

Initiation was held Monday evening, November 29, at Castle Frank, Hazel Kemp's beautiful home. Twenty-two Thetas sat down to the banquet. Several of the alumnae, who had not been with us for some time, were present, among them, Mable Steele '07, and Mary Millichamp '03.

Dr. MacLean of Alpha Kappa was in Toronto last week, to deliver an address to the Women's Canadian club. Her time was limited, but some of us were fortunate enough to be able to spend an hour with her.

Miss Emma Crane, who was with her, was able to give us more time, and we were very glad to show her our university buildings, and also our chapter room.

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BLANCHE STEELE

'03 Mary Millichamp is spending the winter at her home, 237 Poplar Plains Road, Toronto.

'05 Louise Carpenter was in the city recently and took tea with us in our room.

'10-ex Dora Mayor has moved to Boston, where she is attending lectures at Radcliffe.

'II Alice Ball has been chosen as a delegate to the Student's volunteer conference at Rochester.

'11 Alice Ball has been appointed demonstrator in Physics.

TAU-NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

Thanksgiving vacation is over, and we are again at work, feeling sorry that the past four days were not longer but glad to be together again. Most of the girls who live in Willard Hall remained in Evanston during vacation and report a fine time. Theatre parties and luncheons in Chicago helped some of us to pass the time pleasantly, not to mention Christmas shopping and boxes from home.

Since our last letter, Helen Chapman has been pledged. On October 11 we had pledge service and thirteen girls were formally pledged with the black and gold squares.

Monday evening, November 22, Marguerite Pratt, one of our freshmen who has advanced credit, was initiated. Owing to the disagreeable weather, only a few alumnae were present. We had no banquet but are planning to have a large one second semester when we initiate the rest of our new girls. On account of a faculty ruling, freshmen can't be initiated before they have ten hours college credit.

Leone Terralt, one of the pledges, has been very ill with typhoid fever at the Evanston hospital. She is very much better now, however, and we hope will soon be able to be out.

We gave our annual informal dance at the Kenilworth club, Friday evening, November 12. Several out-of-town guests were present and we are agreed that it was one of our most "festive" parties.

The Dramatic club, which was firmly established last year,

is planning to give Bernard Shaw's You never can tell January 15. Marguerite Pratt has secured the part of leading lady. She has been active in dramatic work before, and we are glad that her ability has been recognized thus early in her career at Northwestern.

On Saturday afternoon, December 4, we are planning to give a tea at the home of Louise Chapman for the purpose of introducing our freshmen. All Evanston Thetas, together with Tau alumnae living in Chicago, Theta mothers and some of the faculty wives are invited.

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EMMA HALL

'07 Sarah Yount is teaching English in the Crawfordsville, Ind. high school.

'09 Pearl Greenough, who is teaching at Crystal Lake this winter,

was back for the informal.

'09 Marien Keyes was in Evanston for Thanksgiving vacation. She is teaching in Wyanet, Ill.

'II-ex Vera Short has announced her engagement to Carlos Rozelle.

The marriage will take place next June.

Helen Jordan and Margaret Major from Delta visited us at the time of the Illinois-Northwestern football game. Among the alumnae who have been back this fall are Julia Cole,

Josephine Alexander, Eva Hall, Julia Evans, and Louise McCabe. Marjorie Strong and Leotta Van Vleet of Psi, came down for the

Wisconsin-Chicago game and spent Friday and Saturday nights with us.

UPSILON-UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

On October 16, Upsilon initiated seven freshmen and one sophomore. They are: Margaret Dellinger '12 of St. Paul, and Doris Brown, Virginia Chase, Marjorie Child, Mary Fraser, Marion Miller of Minneapolis, Florence Greiner of Chaska, Bessie Wieland of Brainard. We now have four more pledges: Helen Barnard of Fergus Falls, and Luella Bussey, Muriel Harscha and Kate Martin of Minneapolis, who are to be initiated soon after the Christmas holidays.

A few days before initiation, our freshmen gave a delightful party for the upper class girls. The entertainment was a vaudeville show, in which the freshmen, with much hilarity and success, undertook to represent their sister upperclassmen.

November 3 the upper class girls entertained for the freshmen at a dancing party in Alice Shevlin Hall, the woman's building.

Early in September, our alumnae gave a reception at the home of Florence La Vayea, for our Grand secretary, L. Pearle Green, who was on her way west.

The first annual carnival was held October 22 and 23 by the Men's Union. It proved to be a great success. The celebration was very elaborate, being almost like a real Mardi Gras carnival, with many side shows and other attractions. The financial gains are to enlarge the fund for the Men's Building.

Great excitement has been aroused by the football games held here this fall, with the happy result that Minnesota has won the Western conference championship. The football season is over now so that basketball practice has begun. The woman's athletic association, which was organized last June, has done much for the girls of Minnesota. We now have an official manager of woman's athletics, class teams of basketball, indoor baseball, field hockey and track. The new swimming tank which is open to the girls one day a week is also very popular. We are hoping to have a fine new gymnasium just for girls, in the near future.

Last Friday evening, November 19, we had a jolly old fashioned "spread" at the home of Marion Miller. After the feasting was over, we sang fraternity and college songs, and the climax of our fun was the announcement of the engagement of two of our alumnae, who were present.

21 November 1909

HENRIETTA RAUDENBUSH

Minnesota Thetas have been delighted this year over two pledges; Helen Enegren at Washington state university and Helen Chapman at Northwestern. These girls are both sisters of Upsilon Thetas and while Upsilon is sorry not to have them she is most glad for Alpha Lambda and Tau.

'89 Married, Ada E. Smith to Dr. Alfred L. Rist. Address: Algona, Iowa.

'97 Born to Mr. and Mrs. Harry White (Sophie Pendergast) on November 1, 1909, a son Stephen Story. Address: 225½ W. Main st. Oklahoma city, Okla.

'99-ex Charlotte Hall of Honolulu has been visiting in Oakland, Calif. and attending her brother's wedding.

'00 Born to Mr. and Mrs. William Cowperthwait (Fannie Sawyer) a son, Hart, on June 20, 1909.

'03-ex The engagement is announced of Helen Nind to D. K. French, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, University of Chicago.

'06 Born to Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Carpenter (Ruth Haynes) a daughter, Carroll. Address: 717 Fulton st. S. E. Minneapolis, Minn.

PHI—STANFORD UNIVERSITY

This semester is closing with mingled feelings of joy and regret. It is a satisfaction to know that this has been a successful term, successful in chapter house management, in college achievements, in the whole atmosphere of happiness which dominates the chapter.

Our dance this year was really a social event, and the underclassmen deserve the credit for the decorations, the whole house having been panelled in strands of holly and festooned in smilax. We seated eighty guests at small tables and the five course dinner moved with such precision that we would feel perfectly capable now of entertaining the King and the royal party. Since this may appear rather frivolous in print, I might mention the fact, that three, out of the five girls elected to the girl's honorary society were Thetas, merely by way of contrast.

There is a tinge of regret, however, that the semester is gone, which even the prospect of a gay Christmas vacation does not quite efface. Saturday night we had our Christmas tree for the freshmen, with toys and verses suitable to their tender years, and gifts to everyone from the alumnae. These remind us of the thoughtfulness of alumnae and of the inevitable fact that in after years we too shall dance only in spirit around Phi's Christmas tree.

14 December 1909

LUCILLE OZIER.

'93 Born to Mr. and Mrs. Leslie M. Burwell (Carrie Bean) a son Leslie Bean Burwell on May 6, 1909 at 140 West st. Reno, Nev.

'97 Edith Jordan has returned from her vacation which was spent in England.

'07 Married, Oct. 27, 1909, Georgina Lyman to Paul C. Edwards, Delta Upsilon, Stanford '07. Address: 618 MacKinney ave. Dallas, Tex.

'08 Married, Dec. 20, 1909, Elsie Branner to Frederick H. Fowler, Delta Upsilon, Stanford '05.

'09 Agnes Hutchins is teaching in Portland high school. Address: 770 Irving st. Portland, Oreg.

'10-ex Lucy Souther Galbraith (Mrs. James) is living in Tuscon, Ariz.

'10-ex Vera Reppy is teaching this winter in Pasadena, Calif.

CHI—SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

Our red letter day this fall was October 29, when we held our initiation. Besides the eight girls mentioned in our last letter, we initiated Mary G. Clapp '12 of Syracuse, and Eleanor M. Wesco '13 of Portland, Ore. The banquet was held the following night at the Vanderbilt. We were most fortunate in having with us our Grand secretary and Editor, Miss Green, who responded to an inpromptu toast.

Our freshman class has given the chapter a set of soup spoons marked with our letters, and their class numerals. There must be some magic about them, for the first time we used them, we noticed how much better things tasted.

We are trying the plan this year of having some of the faculty and their wives, or our alumnae down for dinner, regularly, every other week. One of the seniors has charge of the invitations. In this way we hope to get into closer touch with our faculty, and with the "old girls."

The Women's league this fall elected one of our girls, Sophia M. Steese, as junior delegate to the Intercollegiate convention at Cornell, November 12-14.

On December 2, the dramatic club of the university presents Shakespeare's *Comedy of errors*. Theta is represented on the cast by Esther Ball '12, who takes the part of the Abbess.

Our chapter library has been increased lately, by the addition of a thirteen volume set of Shakespeare in a de luxe edition—purchased with a part of the library fund. This is a fund supported by gifts from each outgoing senior class. This years' class gave their dollars early, in order to secure the Shakespeare set.

We are at present planning a dinner dance to be given at the chapter house on December 8, as a sort of "coming-out party"

for the freshmen.

I wonder if it is too early to urge all the alumnae who can possibly do so, to be present on Founders' Day. If you are anywhere near Syracuse, at that time, by all means come up to the chapter house, and help enjoy the good time we are sure to have.

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EDNA M. ACKERMAN

Dr. Annie MacLean and Miss Emma Crane of Alpha Kappa chapter visited at the chapter house Thanksgiving week.

'05 Maude Millington Pelton (Mrs. E. C.) visited here in October.

'05 Lola Searles Revels (Mrs. F. H.) and Professor Revels sailed for Europe November 6. They expect to return in time for commencement.

'07 Florence Wilson was in for the initiation banquet.

'09 Eloise Andrews Woolever (Mrs. H. E.) of South Bend, Ind. was in the city a short time ago, and came up for chapter meeting.

'og-ex Elsie Carter was here for initiation.

'09 Last year's seniors had their first reunion at the initiation banquet. All but Eloise A. Woolever and Amy Quackenbush were back'.

'II-ex Alice Simons spent a week at the chapter house at the time of initiation.

PSI-UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

When the last chapter letter was written, Psi was just beginning her rushing week. On Monday of that week, we had a tea at Dr. Whitis and a play at the chapter house in the evening. Tuesday we had a matinée dance and a carry-all picnic. Wednesday noon, the alumnae, who live on University Heights, entertained the chapter and the rushees at a progres-

sive luncheon. In the evening, the girls gave a cotillion at the chapter house. Thursday afternoon, Mrs. Carl Thomas, who was Katherine Nash of Phi, opened her home to us for a card party and supper. This was followed by a launch ride. On Friday we gave our formal dinner, and on Saturday closed our rushing with a party.

As a result of this rushing week, we have thirteen very promising freshmen to introduce to you: Laura Gilman, Pauline Buell, Beatrice Dayton, Jessie Bonar, Margie Hurlbut, Jessie Donaldson, Gertrude Clayton, Leotta Van Vleet, Ada Pence, Neva Gates, Nellie Finney, Florence Clausen, Elizabeth Goe.

Initiation was held on October 30. Eight alumnae were back for the occasion. The initiation was followed by a banquet and toasts. Helen Kellog, Psi '94, acted as toastmistress.

Three of our freshmen this year, Laura Gilman, Elizabeth Goe, and Jessie Donaldson, are sisters of Thetas. Pauline Buell is the daughter of Mrs. C. E. Buell who was Martha Merry, Iota '85. This is the first Theta daughter to be initiated into Psi.

Clara Perry of Lambda is now studying at Wisconsin and has affiliated with us.

Three of the girls made the Glee club—Emma Wohlenberg, Marguerite McConville and Neva Gates.

Psi was especially fortunate in having Charlotte H. Walker as a guest during the last week of October. She was here to discuss dormitories for women with Mrs. C. S. Woodward, Dean of women. On Wednesday afternoon, October 27, we invited representatives of all the other sororities to meet Miss Walker. We enjoyed her visit exceedingly and are hoping that she will come again very soon and stay a long time.

24 November 1909

HELEN HUTCHISON

Psi is glad to welcome to Madison, Carrie Wilson Hughes (Mrs. R. C.) Epsilon '85, who has come to live here and Anne Skinner, Alpha Delta '07, who is attending the State library school.

Among our welcome visitors this fall were Gertrude Hull, Eta '94, who is teaching in Milwaukee, Helen Robinson, Alpha Xi '09, who

spent a few days with us en route east for the winter, and Mildred Jones of Alpha and Tau.

'93 Daisy Chadwick Bolender (Mrs. F. J.) of Monroe, Wis. came up for initiation, October 30.

'95 Lenore O'Conner visited the chapter in October.

'02 Laura Sage Jones (Mrs. Bernard) of Oregon, Wis. spent a Sunday with the chapter during October.

'05 Molly Strong came back for initiation, October 30.

'05 Ethel Moore of Merrillan, Wis. spent a few days at the house during November.

'07 Grace Gilmore visited Psi during rushing week.

'08 Ethel Churchill, who is teaching at Sun Prairie, Wis. visited the chapter in October.

'08 Charlotte C. Benkert (Mrs. Arthur) of Monroe, and Sara Goe of Chicago, were initiation guests.

'09 Jean Donaldson, Columbia '09, came up from Chicago for initiation.

'09 Elva Caradine, who is teaching at Platteville, Marga Eyland, who is teaching at Horicon, and Marian Peabody of Kemper Hall, were at the chapter house after the Teachers' convention at Milwaukee in November.

'09-ex Gladys Shaff (Mrs. John) of Shaffton, Iowa, Marguerite Melick, Dodgeville, Wis. and Martha Gale of Oregon, Ill. were at Madison for the Minnesota-Wisconsin game.

'10-ex Helen Dodge of Monroe, Wis. came up for initiation.

'II-ex Lewise Halladay, who is attending the University of Chicago, was a guest at initiation.

'12-ex Irma Rowland of Oregon, Wis. came up for initiation, October 30.

OMEGA—UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

Initiation is just over and we are pleased to introduce after the long rush, eight freshmen, pledged November 20—Lucille Addison, Miriam Clapp, and Dorothy Wilkinson of Berkeley; Constance Davis and Pauline Pierson of San Francisco; Pauline Fithian of Portland, Oregon; Margaret Powell of Marysville; and Harriet Judd of Pasadena.

After the initiation there was a banquet, prepared for us by the alumnae. The table which extended through the dining room and living room of our chapter house was surrounded by about sixty happy Thetas; including California and Stanford girls and one, Eula McCurdy '12 of Beta.

On November 13 nearly all of California university took a trip to Stanford to see the big intercollegiate football game. We all had a feeling that California would come out victorious this year, after five years of defeat, but our hearts went down when Stanford immediately began to score. California however, won the day 19-13, and the wearers of the Blue and Gold serpentined over the Stanford field! The Phi girls entertained us most hospitably over Saturday.

During October Treble Clef presented the musical play Erminie, and the Mask and Dagger dramatic society gave the Shoemaker's holiday. Omega girls took part in both of these, Helen Hill carrying the lead in the Shoemaker's holiday.

November 25 was Junior day. In the afternoon was the Junior farce in which Ruth Fuller '11 took a leading part, and in the evening was the prom.

We are now trying to settle down to genuinely hard study before the midterm examinations, which begin December 7.

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RACHEL K. MILLER

'98 Marion Whipple Garrettson (Mrs. E. A.) is now living in San Diego, Calif.

'04 Agnes Arneill Reppy (Mrs. Roy) is now living in Hollywood, Calif.

'o6 Mary Gilbert came up from her home in Ben Lomond for the initiation November 27.

'07 Helen Wright and Marjory Lynch were at initiation.

'07 Born in October, a son to Cornelia Stratton Parker (Mrs. Carlton) at Cambridge, Mass.

'07 Marian Craig is traveling abroad.

'07 Helen Wright and Marjory Lynch are planning to visit Europe together next summer.

'09 Pearl Chase has been visiting at the chapter house.

'10-ex Leila Lindley is traveling abroad.

'10-ex The engagement is announced of Dorothy Moore to Mr. Frank Brown.

'II Married, December I, 1909, Eleanor Slate to Mr. Ernest van Loben Sels.

'II-ex At the initiation banquet, Mary Lindley announced her engagement to Mr. Richard Sale.

Omega was pleased to have with her at initiation Eula McCurdy of Beta and four girls from Phi.

ALPHA BETA—SWARTHMORE COLLEGE

After the pleasure and inspiration of initiation at the home of Irvanna Wood on October 2, we have all settled down to a year of pleasant times and earnest work, though we are missing our last years' seniors, and three of our 1911 girls who did not return this year.

Wednesday evening November 10 our new sophomore Thetas gave us a dinner-party, not a formal dinner-party, but a happy, merry one with good cheer and Theta songs. Our parties upstairs leave us pleasing pictures to hang on "Memory's wall," pictures that we shall be glad to turn to when we have gone from our *Alma Mater* into "the wide, wide world."

Not only has there been athletic enthusiasm among the men with the return of football, but it seems to have reached a high point among the girls on the hockey field. Such keen interest has never before been shown; the enthusiasm in regard to the interclass games for the championship has been most active. Likewise interest in cross country tramps has developed, and, for Friday afternoons, class walks are becoming quite "the thing."

We Swarthmoreans are much pleased with the gift from the class of '90 of a fourteen thousand dollar clock and chimes for the tower of our library. For the past three years the senior classes have given the proceeds of the senior play as a fund towards this purchase. Now, however, this fund will be used to buy new books or stained glass windows for the library, as we have had the clock and chimes thus unexpectedly presented to us.

We wish for all chapters of Kappa Alpha Theta a most happy Christmas time.

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PRISCILLA GOODWYN

'91 Hannah Clothier Hull (Mrs. W. I.) is president of the Woman's club of Swarthmore, Pa.

'93 Ellen Williams Battin (Mrs. B. F.) is spending the year in Europe with her husband, who is on leave of absence from Swarthmore college for a year of study in Germany. They are living in Leipsic, where Dr. Battin is pursuing a comparative study of the Germanic languages at Leipsic university.

'94 Bertha L. Broomell has been appointed principal of the girls' department of the Friends' central school, Philadelphia.

'02 Anna W. Waters has returned from a year of travel and study abroad and is again teaching in the Friends' seminary of New York city.

'02 Helen Eastwick Harper (Mrs. J. K.) has moved to Richmond, Va. where her husband has the agency for the Ford automobile.

'02 Mary Lippincott and Edith Coale have recently visited the

'02 Born to Mary Hawke Torchaino (Mrs. F. J.) a daughter, Frances.

'02 Caroline A. Washburn is spending the winter in England.

'03 Caroline Clothier has recently returned from a summer trip through Europe.

'04 Annie S. Hawke is teaching in the High school at Riverton, N. J.

'04 Born to Millo McCain Kehew (Mrs. E. E.) on November 22, a son, named Nox McCain Kehew.

'04-ex Myra G. Abrams has opened a private kindergarten in Butler, Pa.

'04 Marguerite Campion has returned from a three months' trip to Europe and is teaching in the Swarthmore preparatory school, Swarthmore, Pa.

'04 Alice Roberts Sullivan was married on October 16 to T. H. D. Perkins, Delta Upsilon, Swarthmore '07. After a wedding trip in Europe, they will live in Moorestown, N. J.

'05-ex Lucile Abrams Cubbison (Mrs. D. G.) has recently moved to Fort Riley, Kan. where her husband is located as a Lieutenant of Artillery.

'07 Mabel Sullivan was married to Francis d'Olier, Delta Upsilon, Swarthmore '07, on October 16.

'07 Mary E. North has been with us for a day or two for the first time since her return from a year of study at Oxford.

'08 Alice Worth, Dorothy Lister, and Katharine Wolff were out to see us last week.

'11-ex Anna Gilkyson is spending the winter in Berlin with Dr.

and Mrs. Trotter. Dr. Trotter, head of the biological department at Swarthmore, is spending his Sabbatical year at the University of Berlin.

Mabel Hale of Iota, now teaching at Bryn Mawr, was our guest at a recent fraternity meeting.

ALPHA GAMMA—OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

It does not seem possible that it has been two months since the last chapter letter was written! Thanksgiving is over and we are eagerly looking forward to the Christmas holidays.

Pledge day and initiation have come and gone and all so unexpectedly and differently from what we thought and were planning in September. On Monday, October 18, at 4 o'clock, a Panhellenic meeting was held and at this meeting Pi Beta Phi formally withdrew, on account of dissatisfaction with existing rules and the long rushing season. Pledge day was set for November 24, and we would just now have been resting from our strenuous efforts. As it is, we all heard the dissolution of Panhellenic, at 7:30 on the said night and immediately set out in search of our prospective freshmen. We were rewarded with two pledges that night. The next morning we had four more acceptances and Wednesday evening we entertained with a spread for our six freshmen and invited two other girls who were eagerly sought by three sororities. There were no more restrictions so we spent the rest of the week in having small parties to give these two girls a better opportunity to become acquainted with us, and on Saturday night we had another affirmative answer. On the Tuesday following we pledged our eighth girl and we went around the campus fairly beaming with success and happiness. We had given three other invitations, but these girls did not accept any invitation. Several weeks later at "meeting," while we were making preparations for initiation, we received a letter from one of these girls accepting our invitation, if it were not too late. You may imagine our joy and now let me introduce to you our nine freshmen-Ruth Huntington, Marian McAllister, Mabel Moore, Margaret

Moore, Hazel Dolin, Elsie Dunnick, Gretchen Frantz, Louise Johnson and Minnie Hughes.

We had only entertained with one small spread so our expenses were light this year. The Panhellenic association has been very unsatisfactory this year.

Initiation was held at the home of Susan and May Siebert, Saturday, November 20, fifty-six Thetas being present.

Saturday, December 4 our active chapter will entertain with our annual "college tea" at the home of Ethel Snyder, to introduce our freshmen. This event has been quite successful in the past two years and we hope it will be more successful than ever this year. The active chapter is also planning a surprise for our alumnae which will be realized probably the last of January.

Delta Delta Delta held a district convention here November 11, 12, and 13 and a reception was held Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Thompson, to which all the sorority girls in college were invited.

The Girls Glee club practices daily and they expect to give their concert the second Friday in January. The Twilight concerts are very popular this year.

Several of our last year's freshmen will be home Christmas and we expect to have several informal social functions in their honor.

We have met several Epsilon Thetas lately and we are beginning to feel that we should like to have a District convention so that we might meet and become acquainted with our sisters. We are expecting Miss Walker to visit us within a short time. We are always glad to meet any Theta who happens to come to Columbus.

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RUTH EVANS

'oo Florence Bell's engagement to Mr. Bynard Wornock of Toronto, Canada, was recently announced.

'02 Born to Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Auld (Gertrude Bellows) a daughter, November 10.

'06 and '08 May and Susan Siebert attended Eta's initiation.
'08-ex Married, September 29, 1909, Mildred Day Stuber to Edward
L. Moon.

ALPHA DELTA—WOMAN'S COLLEGE OF BALTIMORE

After a long, but very successful rushing season, the Alpha Delta girls take great pleasure in introducing Marjorie Day of Glen Falls, N. Y. Frances Clark of Atlanta, Ga. Laura Bennett, Dorothy Davis, Helen Harrison, Mary Wilson, and Mary von Wyszecki of Baltimore, who were initiated on November 20, in time to wear their badges home for the Thanksgiving holidays.

Several of the girls went home for Thanksgiving. Those who were unable to go home enjoyed a little play called *Too much married* given by the girls in one of the dormitories. Then there was a masquerade party, to which all students and alumnae were invited. So the girls thoroughly enjoyed themselves even though they had to spend their holiday at college.

Since rushing season we all have been hard at work getting ready for the mid-years, which come soon after the Christmas holidays.

Our two literary societies have united to form one large society, which at present promises to be stronger than any society at college. A society, interested in social work, has recently been formed and many girls are very much interested in it:

On November 15, a great sorrow came, not only to the Alpha Delta girls, but also to the college, in the death of Florence Walther Solter. Florence was president of the class of '04 and an active member of the college alumnae. She had a large circle of friends in the college, both faculty and students; still the college will not feel her loss as Alpha Delta does. She never lost interest in the chapter and was always ready to extend a helping hand. Her death, which was very sudden, came as a great shock to all the girls. Theta has certainly lost one of her best members.

26 November 1909

RUTH TAYLOR

'03 Nancy Nulton visited Ruth Haslup during the early part of November.

'03 Anna Haslup of New York also visited her home in Baltimore several days ago.

'04 Died, on November 15, 1909, Florence Walther Solter (Mrs. G. A.) at her home 2725 north Charles st. Baltimore, Md.

'06-ex Lois Hill Spencer (Mrs. M. L.) is spending the winter at Chicago, where her husband is taking up work at the university.

'07 Marion Pitts, Warwick, N. Y. spent several days in Baltimore during the first of November.

'07 Anne Skinner is attending the library school in Madison, Wis.

'09 Katherine Lindsay has been spending several weeks with Emma Gregg in Atlanta, Ga.

'10 Alma Jagger spent the Thanksgiving holidays with Adele Hopkins, at her home in Hanover, Pa.

'12 Winifred Kavanagh spent the holidays with friends in New York.

ALPHA EPSILON—BROWN UNIVERSITY

We have instituted two college customs at Brown within the last few weeks. One is an interclass singing contest which took place on November 3. Each class in turn, beginning with the freshmen, sang two of the college songs and four new songs composed by members of the class. A committee of four gave the decision and a silver cup was awarded to the junior class, as the successful competitor. Each year the numerals of the winning class will be engraved on the cup. The second institution is one started by the seniors—the custom of dedicating a tree on the campus to their class. This year the tree was an elm and the dedicatory exercises were of a comic nature.

Basketball has been arousing great interest of late. The interclass games have been so close that the series has to be played over again.

The senior-junior debate of November 23 on the question: Resolved, that college women require the same form of education as men, was argued with great skill and clearness on both sides. The decision went to the seniors who defended the negative side.

Dean King gave one of her talks on etiquette the other day.

These talks come twice yearly. The girls submit questions in regard to anything they are doubtful about, beforehand, and the Dean answers these questions in her talk. These lectures have been most instructive and valuable.

There has been one large dance this year, that given by the Theta Lambda Tau sorority in Sayles gymnasium. It proved a delightful affair for the college girls.

Gwendolen Blodgett '10, Arline Field '11, and Beatrice Kohlberg '12 were initiated into the fraternity the evening of

October 22.

Our rush party occurred the night of November 26 and about fifty people were present. The tables looked very pretty, lighted up with candles, and at each freshman's seat was a place-card with a hand-painted pansy, and a little glass candlestick as a souvenir of the evening. After the supper, we had a cotillion, and, before going home, sang a number of college and fraternity songs.

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MARJORIE PHILLIPS WOOD

'03 Born to Alice Barrett Abbott (Mrs. A.) on November I, a daughter.

'05 Born to Sarah Cady Patten (Mrs. W.) November 4, a son.

'06 Miss Ethelwyn C. Phillips and Mr. Edwin Stillman, Harvard '06, announced their engagement, October 26.

'08 Married on November 22, Andrey L. Lake and Sidney S. Paine, Delta Upsilon, Brown '08. They will reside in Newton Centre.

ALPHA ZETA-BARNARD COLLEGE

Unfortunately, Alpha Zeta is unable to give the results of pledge day, since it does not come until the Monday after this letter is due. We have been trying a new and novel experiment in regard to obtaining new members for the fraternities at Barnard. No rushing is the rule and we are all supposed to interpret the definition of rushing according to the standard of honor maintained by our own fraternity. Instead of treating the freshmen as privileged mortals and giving them to think that they are entitled to the highest admiration and devotion of

all the upper classmen, the tables have been turned, and freshmen are now supposed to court us instead. We do not know how the plan will work out, but certain it is that, so far, it has seemed good. The intercourse between girls has been natural and unaffected and the friendships which have been formed we think have been stronger and truer.

We have the pleasure of introducing to you, however, one new pledge, Penelope Girdner '11. We will initiate her Friday night, December 3.

During the past week we have had the pleasure of several visits from Mary Alice Boyd '09, Alpha Omicron, who is spending the winter in New York. If all the members of our University of Oklahoma chapter are as attractive as she is, our baby must be fine indeed. We expect to see a great deal more of her during the coming months.

The junior class of Barnard gave its big play D'Arcy of the Guards on November 19 and 20. Two of our girls took part and we were very proud. It was declared to be one of the best performances ever given at Barnard and enough money was raised to cover the expenses of the junior ball.

We would like to have all Thetas visiting New York come and see us. We know many of you often take trips to this splendid city and we should like you to take a peak at us before you depart.

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ETHEL LORD SHAW

'04 A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. C. Nichols (Marjorie K. Bacon) in November, in Brooklyn, N. Y.

'09 Cécile Debuoy is teaching French in the Hamilton Institute for girls, New York city.

'09 Eleanor Gay is taking the new domestic science course at Teacher's college, Columbia university.

'09 Una M. Bernard is working for a Master's degree at Columbia university.

'09 On October 23, Lee Frances Alexander was married to James Coats Auchincloss '08 Yale, Psi Upsilon. They will live in New York city.

ALPHA ETA-VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY

Alpha Eta wishes to present her three new Thetas: Corinne Gladding of Memphis, Anna Clark of Winchester, and Mary Leland Branham of Spring Hill.

We have renewed our custom of having lunches at the chapter room alternate weeks. Two girls are placed in charge for each occasion and not allowed to exceed a certain sum in expense. There is a constant plotting and pitting of skill in the housewifely arts in order to have the "best luncheon." The results are most happy. Often some of our alumnae come to these spreads and stay on to fraternity meetings. We have recently enjoyed such visits from Elise Handly '08, Katie Guill '08, Marjorie Ezell '07-ex, and Mrs. Elizabeth Evans Easton of Alpha Zeta.

Of late basketball has been of all-absorbing interest. This year the Vanderbilt girls' "varsity" is composed entirely of Thetas, coached by Miss Stella Vaughn. Our first match game was with Cumberland university at our gymnasium and we won to the good hearty tune of 24 to 8. It was feared that perhaps the other girls in college, not Thetas, would lose some of their former interest in the sport, but if enthusiastic cheering and encouraging prove anything, this year's basketball team has as many supporters as any of former days. After the game the team was entertained with a delightful spread at our chapter room where we talked it all over and decided "how we did it." We expect soon to play a return game with Cumberland at Lebanon.

One of the most delightful events of the year was the Thanks-giving house party given the Thetas by Mrs. Rosa Ambrose Doud, one of our brides of this fall. We had been defeated in our annual Thanksgiving football game, to us a most unusual and depressing experience. Life seemed to hold little to entice us back to happiness except this invitation which took us some seventy miles away, to Goodrich, a tiny iron-mining village. With every turn of the train's wheels, however, our

spirits mounted higher until the bitterness of defeat was quite forgotten. Seldom has there been such a happy party, such a jolly groom and lovely little bride to act as host and hostess, and such a dear, quaint home with all the beautiful new wedding gifts to be admired and used. Every minute of our three days and nights was full of pleasure. We had a 'possum hunt one moonlight night, and afterward a barbecue and picnic supper around an immense bonfire, while a negro band furnished music which rendered it impossible to keep one's feet still. We visited a neighboring iron mine, enjoyed many long rambles and came away declaring house parties the very nicest things in the world.

The Girls' club of Vanderbilt university, founded last year, has been reorganized. Its purpose is to further the pleasure and welfare of the girls in college and to increase their numbers. The president and the chairmen of several important committees are Thetas.

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ELEANOR RICHARDSON

Alpha Eta has much enjoyed knowing Elizabeth Evans Easton (Mrs. C.) of Alpha Zeta. Mr. Easton is engaged in forestry work here and they have been in the city several weeks.

Caroline F. Atkinson of Alpha Beta visited our chapter during the latter part of November.

'05 Marion H. Mason is now living in Punta Gorda, British Honduras.

'07 Rosa Ambrose Doud (Mrs R. B.) was in Nashville, Thanksgiving day.

'07-ex Maybelle Saunders is taking a course in graduate German at the university.

'08 Alice Clark visited her sister Anna in Nashville for Thanks-giving.

'08 Anne Dowdell Denson (Mrs. W.) has returned from a wedding trip in Europe. They are now at home at 1008 Thirteenth ave. S. Birmingham, Ala.

'08 Nannie Moore spent a week in November with Stella Scott Vaughn on the campus.

'08-'09 Elise Handly and Katie Guill spent a week end with Mrs. Ralph Brigham Doud at Goodrich, Tenn.

'11-ex Katharine Hammond spent several days with us last month.

ALPHA THETA-TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY

Thanksgiving gayeties are now over, and everyone is busy with final quizes, term themes, and approaching exams. The past week was quite enjoyable in university circles. Alumni from all over the state came back to join in the good times. On Tuesday, November 23, the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity kept open house in their new chapter house; on Wednesday the engineers of the university entertained with a reception and dance at the engineering building; on Thanksgiving day was played the football game between A. & M. college and the university, and at night, the University German club gave its annual dance at the Driskill hotel. Besides these affairs, a number of banquets, parties, and informal receptions were given by the different clubs and fraternities.

We are having a most successful year at the chapter house. Our house has been remodeled so as to accommodate sixteen girls. We have as a most efficient chaperon, Mrs. Figh of Dallas, the mother of one of our girls.

Monthly open house at all of the sorority houses will be

Saturday, December 4.

Ashbel literary society will play *Joan of Arc* the first week in January. The entire caste will be young ladies. The pro-

ceeds go to the library fund.

At an early date, a "baby party" will be given in the gym for the benefit of the Woman's athletic association. All of the girls are to dress as children. Dancing will afford amusement.

The chapter misses very much Margaret Boynton Windsor (Mrs. P. L.) who has moved from Austin to Illinois.

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LYNNE WEST WOOTEN

'05 Adele Johnson was married October 9, to Louis N. Wilputte. Address: 405 Western ave. Joliet, Ill.

'05 Alma Proctor Hatchett (Mrs. J. B.) was in Austin a few days Thanksgiving week.

'05 Ethel Rather of Gonzales spent Thanksgiving in Austin.

'o6-ex Eugenia Greenwood Dibrell (Mrs. Fennel) is now living in Skidmore, Tex.

'o6-ex Emma Joe Harris of Seguin is to be married December 17, to Howard Short of Seguin.

'07 Anna Simonds is at home in Austin this winter.

'07-ex Lucy Gibbs spent Thanksgiving week at the chapter house.
'08 Grace Nash is at Washington university, St. Louis, doing work in Political science.

'08-ex Helen Curtis Gerhardt (Mrs. Harry) is now living in Austin.
'08-ex Claire Leverton of Houston was married November 24, to
Miller Harwood of Gonzales, Phi Kappa Psi, '08-ex.

'09 Leda Maude Nash, who is teaching in the San Marcos high school, was a visitor at the chapter house Thanksgiving day.

'09 Linda Spence is teaching school in Dallas.

'09 Ethel Sykes, who holds the Brackenridge fellowship, is teaching chemistry in the Medical college at Galveston.

'09-ex Florence Brownlee spent several days at the chapter house Thanksgiving week.

'09-ex Willie May Kell has withdrawn from the university on account of ill health. She would have received a B. A. degree this year.

'09-ex Mary Hous of San Marcos was married November 24, to Henry King, also of San Marcos.

ALPHA IOTA—WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

Alpha Iota takes pleasure in presenting her freshmen: Dorothy Hopkins, Caroline Scott, Lucy Wulfing, Anna Barck, Emma Thuener, Ada Nicholson and Elsie Hoolan.

This is one of the happiest times of the year: visions of Thanksgiving dinners and Birthday banquets interrupt our sleeping and waking hours; for on November 30, Alpha Iota will celebrate her third birthday. This year we are going to try the experiment of holding the initiation of our remaining pledges directly before the banquet. From the near-by home of one of our members, where the initiation will take place, we will adjourn to the banquet hall to give our new freshmen the first glimpse of our happy family.

The McMillan dormitory girls are going to give a *Countree* Faire where home-made articles will be sold, and side-shows, fortune tellers, etcetera, will "hold forth." Alpha Iota chap-

ter gave a similar fair last year and made seventy odd dollars for the Scholarship fund.

The St. Louis alumnae have received their charter. They have planned to hold monthly meetings after luncheon which will be served in a down-town restaurant. The object is to reach those who might not otherwise find it possible to attend meetings, while, if they were already down-town shopping, they would be glad to come and spend a pleasant and profitable hour. Vida Gruner Moss has been elected president and Estelle Tooke Munger secretary of Sigma alumnae.

The girls of Washington university are enthusiastically looking forward to the establishment of a Y. W. C. A. branch in the college; we are now awaiting the coming of an organizer who will formally incorporate us.

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ALICE H. MILLER

ALPHA KAPPA—ADELPHI COLLEGE

Since college opened on September 21, we have been very busy rushing, although our Panhellenic permits no formal entertaining of freshmen this term. Our first party will be early in January.

Dallas Rogers Koehn, Eva Finley Dodge, Nellie Cummings O'Connor, and Eleanor G. Marine were initiated October 22, at the home of Eva Capron Wilson (Mrs. E. H.) of Iota. We were very glad to have as our guests Lucile Baldwin Van Slyke (Mrs. G. M.) from Chi, Suzanne Sands Imperatori (Mrs. R.) from Alpha Delta, and Ida Carpenter from Sigma.

On November 24 Elizabeth Hill and Mabel Donaldson were pledged.

Caroline M. Sutphin, president of the Women students' association of Adelphi college was a delegate to the Intercollegiate self-government association at Cornell university.

Betty DeVoy '10-ex, who went as a visitor, and Miss Sutphin were beautifully entertained by the Thetas of Iota.

The first of a series of teas given by the faculty of Adelphi

college was November 30. The senior classes of Packer, Berkeley, and Miss Rounds' school were invited.

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MARGUERITE SUTPHIN

'10-ex A daughter was born this fall to Mr. and Mrs. Anderson (Marguerite Stevens).

Dr. Anne MacLean and Emma Crane visited Sigma and Chi in November.

ALPHA LAMBDA—UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

We were greatly disappointed that our new chapter house was not ready for us, the first week of college. The alumnae came to our assistance, however, and we were able to do very effective rushing without it. Mellie Alexander offered her home at Wildwood for a novel, house picnic. Mrs. M. L. Baker made plans for a barn dance of which, unfortunately, we were unable to avail ourselves. Mrs. Paul C. Harper gave us a launch party and spread at her summer home on Lake Washington. A dinner given at the house of one of our active girls and two theatre parties made up a rather strenuous week. The next week we were very busy moving into our new house and were able to use it for two final parties before pledge day.

We have eleven splendid pledges: two seniors from other colleges, Edna Carmine from Washington state college, Ethel Strout from Whitworth college; Winifred Mac Lean, a sophomore and Alpha Tau Delta pledge; and eight freshmen. Helen Blackburn from Edmonton, Alberta, Jessie Drummond, Tacoma, Lucy Horton, Marshfield, Oregon, Helen Enegren, Irene Farley, Neita Garthune, Margaret Gibson, and Laurentine Meissner, Seattle.

We deeply regret the loss of one of our new girls, Ethel Strout, who has been forced to leave college on account of ill health. We hope she may be with us again next semester.

Two affiliates from Alpha Nu, Effie Cordz '11, and Fay Foster '12 were also welcomed into our chapter.

Our reception, November 13, was a success. Among those in the receiving line were: our district president, Miss Josephine Meissner of Delta; Mrs. P. J. Frein of Iota; Mrs. F. A. Ernst of Mu; and Mrs. E. L. Skeel of Epsilon. The guests were shown through the house and were lavish in their praise of our new home.

Several Thetas from Alpha Xi are coming here for the football game between the Universities of Oregon and Washington, so that on Thanksgiving day, we shall have with us representatives from each chapter of Gamma Beta district.

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SARA REA VINSONHALER

ALPHA MU—UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI

The annual football game between Missouri and Kansas universities, which is played at Kansas City, on Thanksgiving day, draws large crowds from both Columbia and Lawrence. About two thousand went from here and among them fourteen Thetas. Three of our girls live in Kansas city, and they tucked away the remaining eleven. After an all day journey we arrived in time to go to the Theta banquet at the Baltimore hotel. Xi alumnae and Kappa have been in the habit of having a breakfast during the Thanksgiving holidays, but this was the first banquet and also Alpha Mu's first appearance. The sight was one to warm the heart of every Theta from the fine, sweet women of our alumnae to the youngest and most timid freshman. At eight thirty o'clock, ninety Thetas sat down to a menu that certainly tempted the palate of a hungry student. Theta spirit reigned supreme, and the coming game was little discussed, first because the Kappa girls, remembering former victories were unwilling to cast the shadow of gloom over our bright hour, and secondly we, knowing in our hearts what was in store for them on the morrow, desired to have them happy in their delusion as long as possible. But now that it is all over they will forgive us if we indulge in a modest though a hearty cheer over our score. After the banquet, we listened to a few very enjoyable toasts, and sang Theta songs. Thanksgiving day, the game was played and ended to the satisfaction of every good Missourian. The three remaining days were full of fun, but now we are back again to sober reality, with Christmas almost here, however.

But we have been doing other things as well in the weeks past. On Saturday morning, November 13, we were "At Home" to all the university girls, about six hundred. This had never before been undertaken in a private house, and created quite a sensation. The success of the function was beyond our hopes for the girls came trooping in that Saturday morning in unexpected numbers and the enthusiastic good time we had was a mutual surprise.

It may be a little late to wish a Merry Christmas, but it cannot be too late for Alpha Mu to wish heartily a most happy New Year to every Theta.

30 November 1909

LOUISE NORTON

'07 Emmadine Langenberg spent a week end with us.

'07 Faye Louise Stewart is teaching history this year in the high school at Abelene, Tex.

'07 Fan Mason is teaching in Mexico, Mo.

'08 Gertrude Heck was obliged to resign her position on account of ill health. She is better now and was able to attend the banquet at Kansas city.

'08 Nell Farley has been visiting at the chapter house. She spent the Thanksgiving holidays with Efale Brown in Kansas city.

'08 Charlotte Talpey is teaching in Bethany college, Topeka, Kan. She was in Kansas city for the game and banquet.

'09 Christine Dick is teaching in Mercer, Utah, and May Dick ('09-ex) is teaching in Bingham, Utah, not far from Mercer.

'09-ex Clara Northcutt is teaching in Wildorado, Tex. She came to Kansas city for the game.

'09-ex Fanny Baker visited Efale Brown during the Thanksgiving holidays.

Julietta Leitz, Delta Psi, has been visiting at the chapter house. She expects to re-enter school next semester.

Our chaperon, Mrs. Dearing, has moved into the new home which she built. We are very sorry to lose her. Mrs. Denny is to be with us in her stead.

ALPHA NU-UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA

Not a great deal has happened since our last letter. We held our first initiation on the sixteenth of October when we initiated Gertrude Whipple, a former Theta Phi, who was unable to attend our installation in the summer. We held our initiation at the home of Judge Hiram Knowles and we feel very proud of our first efforts. The banquet was held at the home of one of our alumnae.

We still have our interest at its height, whenever we think of our rushing season, and it seems to us that it will never come. We have almost decided upon our rushees however, and are rather confident of success.

The "Montana Eleven" holds the distinction of being state champion this year. On Thanksgiving day was played the deciding game when we defeated the Montana agricultural college 15-5.

Mrs. Helen Stanford Fernald, Upsilon, brought us together again when she gave a dinner party for all the Thetas living in Missoula. It was our first strictly Theta party and we made the most of our opportunity by singing the Theta songs and planning our rushing "stunts."

We are planning a reception to all the men and women of the university, sometime between now and Christmas.

All of the girls went home for Thanksgiving. This is our first day back, and we are doing our best to settle down after our holiday festivities.

Alpha Nu girls all join in wishing every Theta the happiest kind of a New Year.

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FAY WRIGHT

Stella Duncan spent a week with us recently, but has returned to Glendive where she is teaching school.

Carrie Hardenburg is teaching in the Missoula county high school.

Fay Foster and Effie Cordz are attending the University of Washington this year.

Helen Goddard is teaching in the public schools of Billings, Mont.

ALPHA XI-UNIVERSITY OF OREGON

There have been a great many things happening with this new chapter of Theta. The thing which has been uppermost in our minds has been our first initiation. That occurred some time ago but we wish to tell you that visiting Thetas, from other chapters, pronounced it very successful. Mary Eoken, one of our freshmen pledges, was not here at the time of our initiation and, as we expect a few more freshmen in February, we are postponing her initiation until that time.

Since initiation, our attention has been directed toward plans for a new house. It has taken time, but we think we have found exactly what we want. We expect to have the new house started soon; it will be ready for us when we return to college next September. We have been even more eager for a chapter house since three of our girls visited Alpha Lambda chapter for the Thanksgiving football game; they returned full of admiration for the girls, the house and the good time they enjoyed while there.

We have entertained with a reception for our house mother, and another for the student body.

The sophomore class dance is the all absorbing social topic at present. It is the first large dance of the year and is set for December 11.

On Saturday, December 4, the local fraternity Delta Alpha will become a chapter of Beta Theta Pi; an event of much interest to the university as it adds another national fraternity to our increasing list.

3 December 1909

IONE LAMBERT

'09 Gladys McKenzie has announced her engagement to George Hug, Beta Theta Pi, '06.

'09 Frances Nelson visited the chapter house for the P. A. C. football game, Friday, November 19.

ALPHA OMICRON—UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

The last Journal was eagerly read by all of our Alpha Omicrons. It was especially interesting to us, because it was

the first one, of which we could consider ourselves really a part. It seemed so good to read about the convention in detail, and I think each one of us is planning to go to at least one national convention.

We are to initiate our six pledges on December 11. At this time we hope to have with us, one or two Oklahoma Thetas, besides our own chapter.

The corner-stone for the new main hall was laid November 16, with impressive ceremony. A number of prominent people from over the state were here.

It is with deepest sorrow we speak of the death of Mary Lane, Alpha, who passed away November 20 in Oklahoma City. For several years she has been one of our very best friends, helping and encouraging us in every way. In her death Theta loses one of her most loyal members, and one who never lost interest in her fraternity.

27 November 1909

NINA BESSENT

Daisy White Patrick (Mrs. A. E.) of Psi is to be with us at our monthly reception, December 2.

'07 Nancy Longnecker visited us recently. Her address is 228 W. twelfth st. Oklahoma city.

'09 The engagement is announced of Nell W. Robinson to Mr. Carl Milam, Beta Theta Pi.

GAMMA ALUMNAE—NEW YORK CITY

Gamma Alumnae held its first meeting this fall at the Hotel Martha Washington as usual, on Saturday the sixth of November. Miss Aurélie M. Reynaud, our president, was in the chair. The meeting was exceedingly well attended. Needless to say, the most interesting discussions centered about convention matters. We were so fortunate as to have with us our former district president, Mrs. Wilson, and Miss Frost, visitor from Alpha Kappa. So that besides the official report of our own delegate, Mrs. Bradley, we had the benefit of their informal presentation of news and impressions.

Once more Gamma Alumnae wishes to call the attention of

the fraternity to its Help committee. This year, the chairman, to whom applications for assistance should be made, is Mrs. A. B. A. Bradley, 520 West one-hundred-fourteenth street, New York city.

29 November 1909

ELSA BERGEN WILLIAMS

ETA ALUMNAE—BURLINGTON, VT.

Greetings from Eta alumnae to all our Theta sisters. We, of Eta alumnae, feel that the present year has begun with a decidedly bright outlook. All our members of last year are again on our chapter roll and the prospect for new members in an alumnae chapter is always bright.

This year we changed our custom of having our annual meeting with the election of officers in the fall and, instead, held it in April at the time of our last meeting, before the rush of commencement and the scattering for summer vacations. This plan proved very satisfactory as it made everything in readiness for beginning our meetings and planning our work early in the fall without any of the changes that are often made necessary by the election of new officers.

For the past two years we have had no formal program at our meetings—after the business had been disposed of, one member, in charge, chose whatever suited her fancy and read while the others busied themselves with some bit of fancy work. This proved very successful but there has come the feeling that we can get more from some definite work than from this chance reading so we have decided this year to conduct the meetings in much the same way but to read those of Stoddard's lectures which the chapter may decide upon. The time of meeting has also become fixed—the second Friday of each month.

Our delegate to convention has not yet made her formal report, on account of her absence from town, but the Journal which arrived a few days ago together with the little informal accounts which our girls have given us make us feel proud to

be a part of an organization which stands for what is truest and best in womanhood.

All Vermont alumnae—as well as Thetas—have this year realized that for which we have hardly dared to hope in former years. The untiring efforts of the University Alumnae club have made it possible to open this fall a department in Household Economics with Miss Bertha Terrill, a graduate of Mt. Holyoke, in charge. We feel that this has been a decided step in advancement as the courses offered are particularly attractive and will undoubtedly bring many new girls to our university.

28 November 1909

RUTH BOND GRAY

THETA ALUMNAE—PHILADELPHIA

Last year when the Philadelphia alumnae club received its charter and became Theta alumnae chapter, we felt a bit at a loss as to the next step, and hardly knew just what was expected of us. But now we feel somewhat better able to cope with our new situation, and have drawn up a plan for the winter's meetings, which we hope to carry out more or less successfully under the leadership of our president, Edith Coale, Alpha Beta '02. At the October meeting, the first of the season, we decided to devote the greater part of each meeting to the study of fraternity affairs, always reserving a half hour or so at the end for tea, crackers and sociability. The program committee drew up the following plan: November, Fraternity songs and history; December, Report on organization submitted to 1909 convention by Mary W. Lippincott; January, Review of Convention proceedings; February, Petition procedure; March, Methods of chapter inspection; April, Fraternity examination; May, Alumnae extension methods.

We also appoint at each meeting a committee of three to visit the active chapter at Swarthmore, and to report to us the following month. This "visit" is not one of censorship but of a purely social nature; its object is to keep the alumnae in touch with the active chapter, for the sake of both, and to assure the college girls of our readiness to help them whenever possible.

The chapter is as yet too new to be entirely confident of its lasting prosperity, but so far the members are very enthusiastic and steadily increasing in number, and by the end of this year we hope to be a firmly established and flourishing alumnae chapter.

30 November 1909

MARION S. COMLY

IOTA ALUMNAE—LOS ANGELES

After vacations spent in many places, the members of Iota alumnae have again found their way to our meetings, which are held the second Saturday of each month, at the home of one of the girls. Some of those, who have met with us, are missing this year, but it is the good fortune of this alumnae chapter in Southern California to be constantly welcoming new members into its circle. With each year our interest in the Scholarship fund increases, and the united effort put forth in this line is serving to give more definite purpose and usefulness to our existence as an alumnae chapter. We are glad to know that this interest is no longer confined to Iota alumnae, and in this wider interest, we have reason to believe the success of the Scholarship fund is assured.

With heartiest greeting to all our chapters throughout the land.

28 November 1909

MARY THORNLEY GRAHAM

PI ALUMNAE—TOPEKA

As Pi alumnae, although very proud of itself as being peculiarly the owner of our Grand president, has not appeared in the Journal since its organization, an extra line or two may not be amiss in advance of the required letter.

The chapter started its existence last spring with an especially delightful banquet in honor of Miss Harrison, Grand president, just previous to her becoming Mrs. Nelson. That seemed to set the pace for we have banqueted diligently ever since. At our last meeting our national delegate, Mrs. Cora Pierson

Hopkins, reported the convention. We bulge somewhat with a just and proper pride over our delegate. Not many conventions have been able to boast as co-delegates a mother and daughter.

Our chapter numbers some eighteen members—we fluctuate—from half as many colleges. Although a good many of us have been for years rather out of touch with Theta matters, and seemed to be already sufficiently occupied with our immediate environment, we have all felt this getting together again in the old way a good and pleasant thing.

19 November 1909

JESSIE WRIGHT WHITCOMB

RHO ALUMNAE-DENVER, COLO.

It seems very good to the Thetas of Denver and the nearby towns to actually be organized into a regular alumnae chapter. We tried for about a year before we could get to this place not because of lack of interest, but because most of our members are married women with their homes and families to claim first place, and we had to take a longer time to get to know each other and all work together. However, now we are a chartered group, and have a very great deal of pleasure through our association with each other. We meet once a month at the homes of different members, and have so far merely conducted the meetings as social affairs after our slight business was dispensed with. We are talking over some plans for either a special line of study or entertainment, and will probably decide on it very soon. We have quite a large number enrolled in our chapter, but as a good many live outside of Denver the average attendance is from eight to twelve members. Denver is a great place for tourists, and we hope that any Thetas who may come through here will let some of us know their whereabouts, and we will give them a Theta welcome, and see that they meet as MABEL BAUM SMITH. many of us as possible.

EXCHANGES

(Hereafter lists of Exchanges received will not be published here. In case any exchange fails to reach us with reasonable regularity a notice will be sent to the Editor, calling attention to the fact. *Editor*)

Many college charters were granted by national fraternities during the last year. The list that follows makes no claim of completeness as concerns the men's organizations but is believed to be accurate and complete for the National Panhellenic fraternities.

Alpha Delta Phi, California.

Alpha Tau Omega, Iowa state and Kentucky.

Beta Theta Pi, Oregon.

Delta Tau Delta, Maine, Cincinnati.

Delta Upsilon, Miami.

Kappa Sigma, Iowa state, Washburn, Washington state college.

Phi Delta Theta, Idaho.

Phi Kappa Psi, Missouri.

Phi Sigma Kappa, California.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Oklahoma.

Sigma Chi, North Dakota, Utah, Wabash, Pittsburg.

Sigma Nu, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Western Reserve, Pennsylvania state.

Zeta Psi, Illinois.

Pi Beta Phi, Toronto.

Kappa Kappa Gamma, Montana.

Delta Gamma, Missouri.

Delta Delta, Stanford, Washington state.

Gamma Phi Beta, Oregon.

Alpha Chi Omega, California.

Chi Omega, Oregon, Washington state.

Alpha Xi Delta, California.

Alpha Omicron Pi, Northwestern.

Zeta Tau Alpha, Drury.

Alpha Gamma Delta, Washington state, Woman's college of Baltimore.

Almost universally fraternities are considering changes in organization and methods as necessary parts of the movement for adequate control of today's fraternity conditions. This discussion is of particular interest to Kappa Alpha Theta because pertinent to the reorganization which was begun at our recent convention.

For two or three years past Chi Psi, through the influence and financial backing of its alumni, has maintained in New York City a central office in charge of a traveling secretary, whose duty it is to keep in constant touch with the sixteen active chapters of the fraternity, and to aid them in every possible way in their development.

According to Mr. Clarence F. Birdseye, of New York City, whose influence largely led to the maintenance of a central office and a traveling secretary, the latter, in order to right conditions in a chapter, has lived with it as long as six weeks at a stretch; and in some instances he has supervised the transfer of Chi Psis from a strong chapter to a weak chapter, that the latter might be built up by the introduction of good, trained material. In this way the chapters at California and Lehigh were strengthened considerably when conditions there were bad.

The secretary, who receives a salary of \$2,000 a year, is nominally under the control of the committee having the fraternity's central office in charge; but in reality—since he is supposed to know Chi Psi conditions better than any other member of that fraternity—what he recommends to his superiors is invariably concurred in, with this result, that Chi Psi, to all practical intents and purposes, has the most highly centralized system of chapter government and supervision of any fraternity to-day.

In this connection it may be of interest to Kappa Sigma to learn that within the last few weeks The Caduceus has observed a tendency on the part of several fraternities to establish closer supervision of their active chapters and to centralize the general work in the hands of amply paid secretaries. Led by the president of Delta Upsilon, an alumni committee of forty-eight is now perfecting plans that may give to that fraternity a permanent salaried secretary, who will be authorized to keep a close supervision of the chapters somewhat after the manner of Chi Psi's

traveling secretary. In a letter to the Sigma Chi Quarterly a prominent member of that fraternity suggests the creation of a new office called secretary to the triumvirs; "employ a man to give all his time to this work, and pay a reasonable salary, say \$2,500 per year;" and he further suggests: "Have every chapter visited once a year by the praetor of the province and once a year by one of the grand officers." The younger element of Zeta Psi is working for the establishment of a central office in New York City, with a permanent secretary in charge; this office and the secretary's work to be modeled largely after Chi Psi's experiment. And again the following paragraph is taken from the conclusion of the annual report of Phi Kappa Psi's secretary:

"There seems to be a general desire to have visitations by the officers or archons to the several chapters. Some of the districts provide the traveling expenses for archonial visits, but in other districts this is too much of a burden because of distance. Nothing serves to reveal the inner life of a chapter as well as personal acquaintance and observation. Every member of the executive council would be better able to advise and help the several chapters could they know them in their chapter life. Suggestions as to how such visitations may be made would be timely.—

Caduceus of Kappa Sigma

The present system of fraternity organization has nearly reached its limit. It takes too much volunteer service. Now we require the sustained effort that can be given only by a man who devotes his whole time to the work. Today the particular need of the fraternity is supervision and inspiration of chapters, and the awakening of dormant alumni. is the unanimous opinion of the Council that though visits to the chapters, either by its own members or by delegated alumni, have been useful, they are made at too great personal cost. Moreover they are necessarily brief. If these short calls can do so much, longer ones and more thorough study of chapter conditions would do even more. What we want, then, is a man whom we can afford to pay to give his time to the fraternity. His chief duty will be to the undergraduate chapters, but he can be of immense service in calling upon graduates who have lost interest, in attending club dinners, etc. A broad-gauge, sympathetic, tactful young man, full of energy and enthusiasm, would lift the fraternity to new levels of usefulness.

When once we rid ourselves of the notion that the fraternity is just a pleasant form of association for boys, and realize that whether the fraternity wishes or not, it is becoming a moral, intellectual and educational force, we shall find the field wide enough for any ambition.—Delta Upsilon Quarterly

At the various District councils held last spring, the newly elected Archons were, for the first time, designated as Junior Archons, and the retiring officers given the title of Senior Archons. This arrangement was made by the fraternity for the purpose of keeping the outgoing Archons in closer touch with their districts, and with a thought that they might, in this official capacity, be of greater service to the new officers.—

Phi Kappa Psi Shield, Oct. 1909

The members of the Council are business and professional men of this city, who cheerfully give much of their time to the discussion and execution of plans for the benefit of the whole fraternity, but who necessarily can devote but a small portion of their time to it, and are not so brought into personal touch with the several chapters that they can know their individual wants. They can plan and advise policies, but they cannot execute their details. The secretary has his time fully occupied with the other duties of his office, which are sufficiently exacting.

The need is emphasized of some such officer as a Field secretary, mention of which was made in the last Quarterly. Such a friendly adviser and visitor would quickly see the needs of the chapter that he visits. His wide experience with other chapters and his knowledge of what other fraternities are doing, would enable him to supply the remedy at the moment that he recognized the need. The fact that he was an officer of the whole fraternity, appointed for the very purpose of assisting the chapters in their attempts to perfect their organization and conduct, would give him a standing as a friend and co-worker which no investigating committee of either alumni or undergraduates could ever have. He would be like a physician hired by the year to look after the health of the family. It would be for his interest to do his best, and for the interest of the family to resort freely to him even when the need was not great.

Should the fraternity decide upon securing such an officer, these things should be considered in his selection: His whole time during the college year should be devoted to the work, and for that purpose a salary should be provided which would secure the services of a man fitted in personal qualities and experience for the work; and next, it should not be attempted unless such a man is secured and provision for his payment made for at least three years. The first year will be required for becoming acquainted with the field, and ascertaining the needs of the various chapters and alumni organizations; the second year should see the execution of the various reforms proposed; and not until the third year will the results demonstrate whether or not the new office has proved a profitable investment.

We may be somewhat in advance of the sentiment of the fraternity

in even mentioning the possible advisability of such a radical departure from our traditional usage. But similar action has been taken or is being considered by many of the leading fraternities.—Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly, Nov. 1909

We want the best possible officers at the head of fraternity work. A study of conditions in any large American city will convince that the best politician does not make the best officer. As the fraternity grows there will always be aspirants for office. As a general thing their efficiency in office is in inverse ratio to their zeal in getting there. The delegate must distrust advances, whether made by the man himself or by his friends. The best officers do not always have the most enthusiastic followers,—at least, before election. The delegate must be guided by principles, not personalities.

One of these principles is that some member of the National council should be changed each year. The men who have been through the experience of managing the fraternity form a strong reserve against emergency. The intimate knowledge of the fraternity's policy and affairs can be gained in no other way. We need a large group of such men,not a few,-as the best insurance against shipwreck, the best safeguard of conservatism, the very best antidote to pernicious politics in the future. Given a Council in which every man is perfectly efficient, at least one of these paragons should be changed each year, that there may be no stagnation; that another man may be put in training and add the gift of his personality to the ability of the rest; that the Council may not lose touch with the younger members of the order; that the fraternity may continue to demand unpaid the best efforts of its best men without their enthusiasm being dulled or discouraged by the prospect of interminable effort; that another trained brother may be set free for work at large in the brotherhood, which sheer lack of time would prevent his adding to his Council duties; that the convention may feel responsible for and in vital relations with the Council. . . .

The National secretary should never be changed, as long as he can and will do his work. This is not theorizing; every Grand or subordinate Lodge of Masons, Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias or what not will give the same counsel. The experience of all these bodies is worth something, and they keep their secretaries for term after term. No new man can gain acquaintance with voluminous records, archives and multiple threads of correspondence without months of preliminary or handicapped work. The National secretary should be the only salaried official in the fraternity. His salary should be increased as we can afford it, and the fraternity should, like others, ultimately secure his whole time.

The second principle is that not more than two members of the Council should be changed any year, unless the fraternity is in danger from the inefficiency of the whole Council. It is hard for the average undergraduate to realize that the National council, as such, has an individual and definite policy. If it has not, at any time, it should have. Matters of extension; questions as to interfraternity relations; movements to strengthen weak chapters;-these and many similar matters run over from year to year,—they are movements, not motions,—and they require for well carrying out a homogeneous body familiar with the history and facts in the case, familiar with just the result desired and just the means in hand to achieve it. It is too much to ask of human nature that a majority shall accept implicitly a minority statement and viewpoint on matters of policy. . . . But while three or four new Councillors, full of preconceived theories and a somewhat pardonable sense of importance, may not be expected to defer to the judgment of the one or two old Councillors, nor to accept without trial the experience of others, a newly elected minority must perforce defer in all important matters; the policy remains the same; and it is only after the newcomers are thoroughly familiar with the situation that they can make converts to their views, and then not by the force of vote but by the merit of good argument. . . .

It is a poor theory that has no elasticity. There may be difference of opinion as to how frequently one change should be made on the Council at the yearly election, and how often two. It is obvious that the president and vice-president should not be asked to serve too many years. If the work is properly done it is a burden; if not a burden it is not thoroughly done, and we cannot lay on brothers for too many years an unsalaried burden which may interfere with their breadwinning or their health. Since on the basis of what has been said both these officers may not be changed the same year, it would seem to the writer that they might be changed alternately, holding over both whenever some uncompleted work or other reason rendered advisable postponing the retirement of the senior. However, perhaps general rules cannot be formulated on this matter.

To conclude with Principle 3. At the last convention a delegate asked the writer how he was to vote, as he was personally acquainted with none of the candidates suggested to him. In such an emergency pay no attention to what anyone says of the personal attractions of the candidate, but vote in favor of a man on his past fraternity record only.—Alpha Chi Rho, Garnet and White, Sept. 1909

This Panhellenic movement among the men is very interesting, especially in view of what the women have already accomplished in a similar field. Panhellenism may become a powerful factor in the fraternity world.

The 1909 convention of Sigma Alpha Epsilon in June passed the following resolutions referring to a Panhellenic union:

WHEREAS, we believe that the Greek-letter fraternity, with the proper ideals and principles, is, and has been, a power for good, both to the American college man and the American college; and

WHEREAS, there are many phases of fraternity economics which, we believe, are of a kindred character in all Greek-letter fraternities, and could be adjusted by well-defined principles applicable to all; therefore be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of this convention that a Panhellenic union of all Greek-letter fraternities is expedient and advisable; and, be it further

Resolved, That the Eminent Supreme Archon, or any member of this fraternity duly authorized by him to represent this fraternity, shall have power to represent Sigma Alpha Epsilon, in any movement for the organization of a national Panhellenic union of all college Greek-letter fraternities.

The Religious education association, the president of which is this year President Faunce, of Brown, and which includes in its membership such men as Charles W. Eliot and nearly all the presidents of our leading universities, is planning to arrange for a conference of members who are interested in fraternities to be held in the City of New York some time in the early winter, and have submitted the matter to the Higher education for co-operation in this plan; the object being that, without officially representing any fraternity, those attending may consider all the subjects relating to college life, and especially the fraternities which are now up at different institutions throughout the land.

This conference met November 27, 1909.

College fraternities are to become a subject of legislative investigation again. If this report is the result of careful study it may be a useful document to all concerned. Thus forewarned, it will be interesting to note the rapidity with which the fraternities of Wisconsin approach "ideal chapters" in the next two years.

By the action of the Wisconsin state legislature, the fraternities at the University of Wisconsin are to be investigated by the Board of regents, the report of the investigation to be presented at the session of the legislature two years hence.

The whole movement is aimed at the aristocratic tendency of the fraternities and sororities as evidenced chiefly in social affairs, and it will be this which will be the issue when the report of the regents is submitted. Such a radical move as the abolition of fraternities and sororities is not greatly feared among Greek-letter men and women, but a rigid regulation of them is assured. Wisconsin is the first state to take up such an idea and the movement will be watched with great interest by the residents of this and neighboring states, for the fraternity system at Wisconsin will undergo a great change within the next two years.

The university is beginning with the completion of Lathrop Hall, to enter upon a gigantic dormitory system upon which the future of the fraternities at this school are in no small degree dependent. The plan is to add one new dormitory each year until all the students are thus housed. This may mean the abolition of the fraternity house. Should the faculty decree that freshmen and sophomores must live in dormitories the chapter house proposition would assume a very different aspect. Since the evils of fraternities have chiefly been laid to the chapter house, it is probable that they will be the first to go.—Alpha Tau Omega Palm, Sept. 1909

Contrasted to Wisconsin's dissatisfaction with fraternities is this interesting comment from the experience of the Dean of a neighboring state university—Illinois. It is valuable also for its suggestions along the lines discussed in Dr. Jordan's paper elsewhere in this issue. We regret that space limitations prevent the quoting of the entire article.

The fraternity situation in the state university, as I see it, is in no way a critical one. I believe that the organization has been a benefit to the individual members and to the institution. It has interested itself in good scholarship, has helped materially in maintaining discipline, and has raised social standards. That there are evils connected with fraternities I am willing to admit. The methods of choosing and pledging members are not ideal; the organizations are likely to tend somewhat to clannishness and over-exclusiveness; too strong an emphasis is put upon social life and social prestige; and there is sometimes a tendency for members to live beyond their means. These evils, however, it seems to

me quite possible to correct. I do not believe that improvement in conditions will come so much through restrictive legislation and faculty action as through other means. Faculty regulations are to the college student much the same as the proverbial red rag to the angry bull. So far as young people can be allowed to direct their own actions, to make their own rules, discipline will be simplified and college officers will be relieved of responsibility and trouble. Personally I have very seldom in college found rules of any great advantage in bringing about reforms or of correcting evils. They are quite as likely to arouse antagonism as to mend matters. To my mind the less faculty legislation there is, the better.

Whatever corrective measures the fraternities can be induced to take on their own initiative is so much gained. The cultivation on the part of college officers of frank, friendly relations with individual fraternity men, the calling together for conference of representative men from each of the organizations, will be found of the greatest service. College men are for the most part sensible and reasonable, and I have seldom found it impossible to have the fraternity men themselves do the things that ought to be done. Only recently a member of an interfraternity organization came in to see me to talk fraternity matters. "We have the opinion," he said, "that you don't approve of us, and of the way we conduct our organization. We'd like to know how we can improve, and we wish you'd come and talk to us." It will not be hard to manage that organization. Co-operation, personal suggestion, will do much to correct existing evils.

In theory, I believe that alumni members of the faculty can do much to help their individual chapters. In reality, I think they are often utterly useless as regards knowledge of their chapter and influence in it. They have the readiest approach to the men, but lack of time or interest seems usually to prevent their taking advantage of their opportunities. They have, with us, in only a few instances been of much service.

The creation of a Panhellenic council seems to me to be another help in the solution of difficulties and in the correction of evils. To be effective, action among the fraternities must be concerted. Little is gained if action does not extend to all the organizations in an institution. In accomplishing this result a Panhellenic council is desirable.

I believe that fraternities at the University of Illinois have justified themselves. The men at the head of them are always reasonable and open to suggestion. Their relation with my own office is always frank and helpful. I believe that, though there are some things about the organizations that I should wish eliminated, these are relatively slight or unimportant. In the main, the fraternity is an organization that makes for warm friendship, social training, good scholarship, and high ideals. I believe that the admission of fraternities has been for us a good thing.—

T. A. Clark, Dean of undergraduates at the University of Illinois in the Alumni Quarterly of Illinois, April 1909

Another suggestion for the control of fraternity conditions in a university comes from Kappa Sigma.

I propose that a fraternity conference be organized in every university, consisting of one student member and one faculty member from each fraternity. In order that the two members might work together I would allow the fraternities to have their choice of their representatives. This body should meet frequently and have the entire power and authority to regulate the fraternities at the institution. The university should recognize its mandates as supreme upon fraternity matters, and it should be encouraged to enter fully into the life of the various fraternities with a view to making them conform as much as possible to the spirit and ideals of the university.

COLLEGE NEWS

The Universities of Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota and Toronto have been admitted to the Carnegie Foundation for the advancement of teaching.

The University of Oregon has a new \$25,000 gymnasium for the men students. The former gymnasium will now be used exclusively by the women students. Dr. Bertha Stewart has been called to the position of physical director for the women.

The University of California has received a bequest of \$1,400,000 from the estate of Theodore Kearney.

A collection of books, secured by Prof. P. S. Reinsch on a recent trip to the South American republics, has been given to the University of Wisconsin by Patrick Cudahy of Milwaukee. It includes the finest collection on Chili that has ever gone out of that country. This collection forms the nucleus for a library of South American affairs—especially valuable in the university's course on Latin-American political institutions.

President Pritchett, of the Carnegie Foundation for the advancement of teaching, has made a caustic report, which charges that a large number of the students at Harvard, Columbia, Yale, Amherst, Princeton, Wellesley, and the University of Illinois have been admitted without the necessary requirements, thus violating the conditions of the Foundation. President Pritchett's report was followed by a statement from Secretary Bowman that Harvard, Columbia, and New York universities had been formally warned that they would be excluded from the benefits of the Foundation if they did not make certain improvements at once.

The University of Vermont has received a bequest of \$10,000 from Dr. Ordronaux. It has also been offered \$100,000 from the Rockefeller fund to be available when the Centennial fund has reached \$500,000. That fund, on September first, had reached \$218,000.

Dr. Samuel Avery has been appointed Chancellor of the University of Nebraska to follow Chancellor Andrews, resigned.

The Minneapolis tuberculosis commission has a fellowship in the department of economics at the University of Minnesota for the study of the extent, cause, care, and cure of tuberculosis in Minnesota.

Miss Alice Ensign has been appointed Advisor of women at the University of Nebraska upon the resignation of Dean Barkley.

Mrs. Russell Sage has given \$50,000 as an endowment for the Teachers' college of Syracuse university. Previously she had given the grounds and buildings for this college.

A series of six orchestral concerts will be given by the Theodore Thomas Orchestra at the University of Chicago on the first Tuesday in November, December, January, February, March, and April, at 4 P. M. in Leon Mandel Assembly Hall.

Columbia university has secured as lecturers such representative men of letters as F. M. Colby, educator and editor; Clyde Fitch, dramatist; Henry Holt, author and publisher; Hamilton Wright Mabie, author and one of the editors of *The Outlook*; Paul Elmer More, editor of *The Nation*; F. Hopkinson Smith, novelist and artist, and Augustus Thomas, dramatist. They will lecture on the novel, the drama, criticism, poetry, and other aspects of the literature of today, such as its popular appeal, its standards, its service to civic reform, and its relation to journalism. The lectures will be given to the graduate students in the Department of English.

The series of articles descriptive of leading American universities that is being published in the *Independent* well merits a reading. The following upon universities in which Kappa Alpha Theta is represented would constitute excellent material for chapter libraries: April 1, 1909 Stanford; May 6, California; May 27 Michigan; July 1 Wisconsin; August 5 Minnesota; September 2 Illinois; October 7 Cornell; and to appear February 3, 1910 Columbia.

Since Johns Hopkins university offers graduate work for women, the Woman's college of Baltimore no longer grants the M. A. degree but confines itself strictly to undergraduate instruction.

Miss Laura Drake, chairman of the educational committee of the General Federation of Women's clubs, announces the conditions of the \$1,500 scholarship at Oxford which the federation will award for the year beginning 1910. Each state has the privilege of submitting a candidate and in case of a tie the state which has contributed toward the scholarship will get the preference. Every candidate must be the graduate of an American college in good standing, unmarried and not over 27.—New York Sun.

Dean Hutchins of the law department is now Acting President of the University of Michigan.

Miss Jean Marie Richards, professor of English at Syracuse university, has received the honorary title of Dean of Women. This office is a new creation at Syracuse.

\$200,000 has been given Northwestern university to be expended in beautifying the campus and in building a new recitation hall.

The administrator of the Women's league of the University of Michigan, announces that \$4,700 has been raised from alumnae for the girls' athletic field. This sum covers the cost of the field and leaves \$500 toward improvements.

A radical change has been made in the supervision of the women students at Cornell. The position of warden has been abolished, and two new positions have been created: Mrs. Clarence A. Martin has been appointed University Adviser of Women and Mrs E. Barber has been made the social head of Sage college. Mrs Martin has supervision over the entire body of women students, while Mrs. Barber is in charge at Sage college with Miss Grace Seeley as her assistant at Sage cottage.

The University of Minnesota has received a gift of \$60,000 from Thomas H. Shevlin—\$10,000 for an addition to Alice Shevlin hall and \$50,000 for five graduate fellowships.

The University of Chicago is adding a number of new subjects this year to the Correspondence study course offered. These include courses on: Principles of education; Principles of method; School administration and supervision; Teaching of German in secondary schools; Nature study according to season; and the following courses in political economy: Bookkeeping; Partnership and wholesale accounting; Corporation accounting; Economic history; Money.

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